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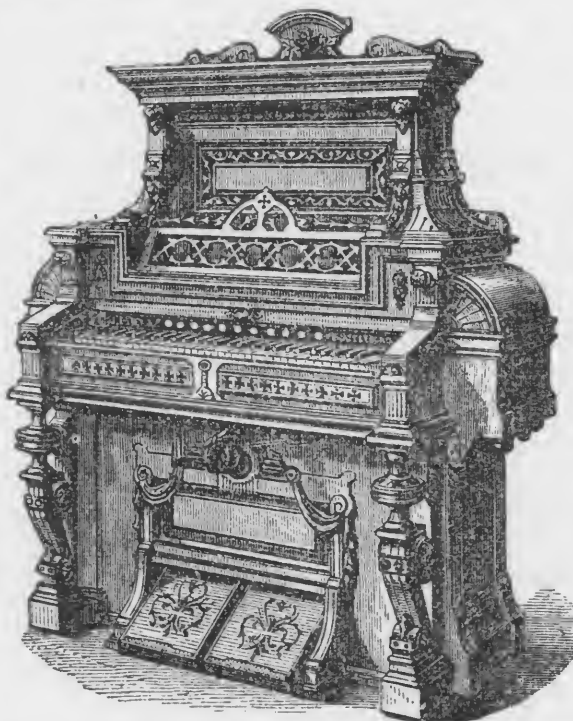
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EXPLANATION.—The 1st column indicates the Disciplinary relation. E., Elder; D., Deacon; P., Probationer. The figures in the 2d column indicate the *year of admission on trial*—if into another Conference it is noted with the name. The 3d column, the name of the appointment, the 4th, the first, second, third or fourth years in the appointment, and the 5th column the Post Office address.

No.	NAMES.	1 Disciplinary Relation.	2 Year of Ad- mission on Trial.	3 APPOINTMENT.	4 Year of Appointment.	5 POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
1	Allen, George B.....	E	.....	Paris	1	Paris, Fauquier Co., Va.
2	Andrew, Jno. R.....	D	1874	Rainsburg	3	Rainsburg, Bedford Co., Pa.
3	Armstrong, Alfred O.....	P	1876	Monterey.....	2	Monterey, Highland Co., Va.
4	Armstrong, James E.....	E	1853	Fredericksburg	2	Fredericksburg, Va.
5	Baggs, J. Frederick... ..	D	1874	Fairfax.	1	Fairfax C. H., Va.
6	Ball, Benjamin F.....	E	1866	Augusta	2	Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Va.
7	Ball, Dabney.....	E	1843	East Baltimore District....	3	Baltimore, Md.
8	Balthis, Mabury G.....	E	1861	Luray.....	2	Luray, Page Co., Va.
9	Beall, Oliver C.....	E	1872	Farmwell	3	Farmwell, Loudoun Co., Va.
10	Beatty, James.....	E	1850	Supernumerary Moorefield..	1	Moorefield, Hardy Co., Va.
11	Bishop, Henry D.	E	1869	Highland.....	3	Mill Gap, Highland Co., Va.
12	Blackiston, Wm. E.....	P	1877	Franklin.....	1	Franklin, Pendleton Co., W. Va.
13	Bond, Beverly W.....	E	1871	North Baltimore.....	1	Baltimore, Md., 110 Aisquith street.
14	Boone, Aaron.....	E	1857	New Castle.....	1	New Castle, Craig Co., Va.
15	Boteler, John W.....	E	1861	Sup'y Mt. Vernon Place....	.....	Washington City, D. C.
16	Boude, A. Poe.....	E	1858	Lewisburg.....	2	Lewisburg, W. Va.
17	Boyd, James H.....	D	1875	Upper Botetourt.....	2	Locust Bottom, Botetourt Co., Va.
18	Boyle, Wm. K.....	E	1860	Alexandria	1	Alexandria, Va.
19	Bradenbaugh, A. Ezra	D	1875	Freedom.....	1	Freedom, Carroll Co., Md.
20	Briley, Thomas	E	1859	Fairfield	2	Fairfield, Rockbridge Co., Va.

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21	Brooke, George G.....	E	1829	Berryville.....	1	Berryville, Clark Co., Va.
22	Brown, Charles M.....	D	1875	Rockville.....	2	Rockville, Montgomery Co., Md.
23	Brown, Thomas W.....	E	1867	Kent.....	1	Millington, Kent Co., Md.
24	Bryan, William A.....	P	1876	Queen Anne's.....	1	Ingleside, Queen Anne's Co., Md
25	Burgess, Oscar F.....	D	1874	Summers.....	1	Hinton, Summers Co., W. Va.
26	Busey, Ezra F.....	E	1842	Baltimore District.....	4	Baltimore, Md.
27	Bush, David.....	E	1868	Freedom.....	2	Eldersburg, Carroll Co., Md.
28	Butt, Leonidas.....	E	1860	Morgan.....	1	Bath, Morgan Co., W. Va.
29	Butt, Shannon F.....	E	1859	Taylor's Circuit.....	1	
30	Cackley, Andrew M.....	D	1875	Jefferson.....	1	
31	Calwell, Henry C.....	P	1875	Frankford.....	1	Frankford, Greenbrier Co., W. Va.
32	Canter, Isaac W.....	E	1866	Lexington.....	1	Lexington, Va.
33	Canter, John W.....	D	1859	Anthony's Creek.....	2	
34	Carson, Thomas E.....	E	1853	Loud un.....	3	Upperville, Va.
35	Coe, Henry S.....	D	1875	Ronceverte.....	1	Ronceverte, W. Va.
36	Coe, William G.....	E	1854	Lewisburg District.....	4	Lewisburg, W. Va.
37	Collins, Geo. T. D.....	P	1876	Rockingham.....	1	Keezletown, Va.
38	Cox, Samuel K.....	E	1844	St. Pauls.....	3	Baltimore, Md.
	M. P. Conference.					
39	Crenshaw, L. H.....	E	1859	Hamilton and Grove.....	3	Hamilton, Loudoun Co., Va.
	Virginia Conference.					
40	Crickenberger, Jes. J.....	E	1864	Centreville.....	2	Indian Creek, Monroe Co., W. Va.

41	Dameron, Charles L.....	E	1864	New Market.....	3	New Market, Va.
42	Davidson, Jno. H.....	P	1876	Fincastle	1	Fincastle, Va.
43	Dice, John C.....	E	1848	Rockville	3	Rockville, Md.
44	Dolly, Adam B.....	E	1853	Winchester Circuit.....	1	Newtown, Frederick Co., Va.
45	Dolly, Saul B.....	E	1856	Collierstown	2	Collierstown, Rockbridge Co., Va.
46	Dorsey, Wm. B.....	D	1873	Warren	1	Front Royal, Va.
47	Duffy, Jefferson W.....	E	1870	Salem.....	.....	Salem, Roanoke Co., Va.
48	Dulany, J. Hervey.....	E	1860	Piedmont, Washington Dist.	2	Warrenton, Va.
	St. Louis Conference.					
49	Eggleston, Wm. G.....	E	1837	Harrisonburg.....	1	Harrisonburg, Va.
50	Engle, Joseph J.....	E	1856	Roanoke Circuit.....	4	Big Lick, Roanoke Co., Va.
51	Esckridge, Alfred A.....	E	1830	Superannuated. ....	.....	Staunton, Va.
52	Ewan, John W.....	E	1853	Superannuated.....	.....
53	Ferguson, Sydnor G.....	E	1872	Charlestown.....	3	Charlestown, Jefferson Co., W. Va.
54	Flaherty, Adam Q.....	E	1861	Monterey.....	2	Monterey, Highland Co., Va.
55	Follansbee, James M.....	E	1849	Johnson Female College....	1	
56	Follin, James F.....	E	1871	Crab Bottom.	2	New Hampden, Highland Co., Va.
57	Fox, Lafayette.....	E	1872	Strasburg	1	Strasburg, Va.
58	Furr, Frazier.....	E	1869	Potomac Mission.....	1	
59	Gardner, James S.....	E	1853	Emmanuel.....	1	Baltimore, Md.
60	Gaver, Hamilton A.....	E	1853	Montgomery	1	Poolsville, Montgomery Co., Md.
61	Gilbert, J. Kyle.....	D	1875	Highland.....	1	Mill Gap, Highland Co., Va.
62	Gilbert, John L.....	E	1842	Lexington District.....	4	Lexington, Va.
63	Graichen, John G.....	P	1877	Bridgewater	1	Bridgewater, Rockingham Co., Va.
64	Grandin, Joshua M.....	E	1845	Sunday School & Tract Agt	2	
65	Gray, John N.....	E	1860	North River.....	2	Hanging Rock, Hampshire Co., W. Va.
66	Grabill, Lewis H.....	E	1859	Mt. Sidney.....	2	New Hope, Augusta Co., Va.
	Virginia Conference.					
67	Green, L. Rosser.	P	1876	Warrenton.....	1	Warrenton, Va.
68	Haddaway, Charles M.....	P	1876	Prince George's.....	1	
69	Haddaway, Samuel W.....	E	1869	Piedmont, Moorefield Dist..	1	Piedmont, Mineral Co., W. Va.
70	Hall, John P.....	E	1853	Sup'y at Freedom.....	1	Lisbon, Howard Co., Md.
71	Hamill, Henry P.....	P	1877	Loudoun.....	1	Middleburg, Loudoun Co., Va.
72	Hammond, Wesley.....	E	1864	Keyser	3	Keyser, Mineral Co., W. Va.
73	Hammond, Wm. G.....	E	1857	Shenandoah Iron Works....	1	Shenandoah Iron Works, Page Co., Va.

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74	Hank, Jehu.....	E	1828	Superannuated.....	Maple Lawn, Monroe Co., W. Va.
75	Hank, J. Newman.....	E	1851	Supernumerary, at Central..	Baltimore, Md.
76	Harper, William H. D.....	E	1868	Superannuated.....	Easton, Md.
77	Harris, William A..... Holston Conference	E	1861	Wesleyan Female Institute..	Staunton, Va.
78	Haslup, Lemuel W.....	E	1861	East Baltimore.....	3	Baltimore, Md.
79	Head, Nelson.....	E	1834	Winchester District.....	1	Leesburg, Va.
80	Hedges, William.....	E	1859	Superannuated.....	Capon Springs, W. Va.
81	Hedrick, Wm. W.....	P	1875	James River.....	2	Natural Bridge, Va.
82	Henry, Edward H.....	E	1860	West River.....	3	Dunkirk, Calvert Co., Md.
83	Heterick, Edward F.....	E	1857	Supernumerary, Fred'k Mis.	Winchester, Va.
84	Higgins, James F.....	E	1867	Warrenton.....	3	Warrenton, Va.
85	Highly, Burton S.....	E	1868	Wesley Grove.....	1	
86	Hildebrand, Thomas.....	E	1838	Superannuated.....	McDowell, Highland Co., Va.
87	Hiner, Wm. Marshal.....	D	1873	Sinking Creek.....	1	Newport, Giles Co., Va.
88	Hoffman, Henry.....	E	1841	Superannuated.....	Keyser, Mineral Co., W. Va.
89	Homan, German O.....	P	1877	Page.....	1	
90	Hopkins, Jacob F.....	P	1877	Furnace.....	1	Shenandoah Iron Works, Page Co., Va.
91	Hough, Robert R. S.....	E	1854	Roanoke District.....	2	Salem, Roanoke Co., Va.
92	Hummer, James C.....	E	1854	Sup'y, at Emmanuel.....	Baltimore, Md.
93	Hutchinson, Jno. S.....	E	1870	South Branch.....	4	Romney, Hampshire Co., W. Va.
94	Hyde, Jno. P.....	E	1860	Lonoak Female College....	Martinsburg, W. Va.
95	Jefferson, George R.....	E	1855	Supernumerary, Churchville	Parnassus, Augusta Co., Va.
96	Jones, John C.....	P	1877	Augusta.....	1	Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Va.

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97	Jones, Lewis R.....	E	1860	Bladensburg.....	1	Bladensburg, Md.
98	Joyce, Charles A.	E	1861	Fairfax.....	3	Fairfax C. H., Va.
99	Kennedy, Henry H.....	E	1868	Leesburg.....	1	Leesburg, Va.
100	Kepler, Samuel.....	E	1827	Superannuated .....	.....	Baltimore, Md.
101	Kern, John A.....	E	1866	Central.....	4	Baltimore, Md.
102	Kinzer, Hamilton W.....	E	1871	Bridgewater.	1	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va.
103	Kibler, J. Latimer.....	E	1876	Severn.....	1	Annapolis, Md.
104	Kregelo, Ephraim L.....	E	1853	Superannuated .....	.....	Lexington, Va.
105	Landstreet, Jno. L.....	E	1848	Agt. Wes. Female Institute.	1	Reisterstown, Baltimore Co., Md.
106	Lightner, George S.....	P	1876	Talbot.....	1	Easton, Md.
107	Lightner, George W.....	E	1868	East Harford.....	2	Aberdeen, Harford Co., Md.
108	Linthicum, Charles G.....	E	1846	Frederick Avenue.....	1	Baltimore, Md.
109	Lloyd, Lewis L.....	E	1872	Lafayette.....	1	Lafayette, Montgomery Co., Va.
110	Lyle, Lee M.....	E	1877	Fauquier.....	1	Cattletts, Fauquier Co., Va.
111	Lynch, Wm. L.....	E	1872	Frankford.....	2	Frankford, Greenbrier Co., W. Va.
112	Maloy, William C.....	E	1863	Front Royal and Riverton..	2	Front Royal, Va.
113	March, James H.....	E	1842	Christiansburg.....	2	Christiansburg, Va.
114	Markwood, Luke R.....	D	1875	Listonville.....	3	Listonville, Somerset Co., Penna.
115	Martin, Asbury R.....	E	1868	Sup'y, at Rockville.....	.....	Goshen, Montgomery Co., Md.
116	Martin, John S.....	E	1835	Staunton.....	3	Staunton, Va.
117	Martin, Lewis G.....	E	1868	Wardensville.....	2	Wardensville, W. Va.
118	Mauzy, Gilson.....	E	1851	Woodstock and Edinburg..	1	Woodstock, Va.
Virginia Conference						
119	Maxwell, Jno. T.....	E	1866	West Augusta.....	1	
120	McDonald, Wm. A.....	E	1866	South River.....	2	Rutland, Anne Arundel Co, Md.
121	McNeer, Asbury C.....	E	1871	Bath.....	1	
122	McNeer, Wm. R.....	E	1877	Charles and St. Mary's....	1	
123	Mercer, Francis A.....	E	1855	Prince George's.....	1	
124	Miller, Louis C.....	E	1863	Laurel.....	1	Laurel, Md.
125	Miller, Wm. E.....	E	1871	Upper Marlboro.....	1	Upper Marlboro, Md.
126	Mills, Francis M.....	E	1832	Supernumerary, Alexandria.....	.....	Alexandria, Va.
127	Nevitt, Thomas G....	D	1874	Frostburg.....	2	Frostburg, Md.
128	Perry, William J.....	E	1858	Superannuated .....	.....	Contees, Prince George's Co., Md.
129	Poisal, John.....	E	1827	Martinsburg.....	1	Martinsburg, Va.
130	Porter, James S.....	E	1857	Fauquier.....	1	Cattletts Station, Va.

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131	Quinn, William T.....	E	1856	Covington.....	3	Covington, Va.
	Philadelphia Conference					
132	Regester, J. Asbury.....	D	1874	Baltimore Circuit.....	1	Reisterstown, Baltimore Co., Md.
133	Regester, Samuel.....	E	1840	Washington District.....	1	Contees Station, Prince George's Co., Md.
134	Richey, Francis H.....	E	1843	Rockingham.....	1	Keezletown, Rockingham Co., Va.
135	Robey, Andrew.....	E	1860	Port Republic.....	2	Port Republic, Rockingham Co., Va.
136	Rodgers, Samuel.....	E	1848	Winchester.....	3	Winchester, Va.
137	Ross, Robert.....	D	1868	Catawba Mission.....	1	
138	Ross, William O.....	E	1869	Lexington Circuit.....	2	Lexington, Va.
139	Roszell, S. Samuel.....	E	1848	Frederick City.....	1	Frederick City, Md.
140	Ryder, Stewart S.....	E	1869	Supernumerary, Bath.....	1	
141	Sargent, Thomas B.....	E	1825	Superannuated.....	.....	Baltimore, Md.
142	Sanders, Wm. H.....	P	1876	Peterstown.....	2	Maple Lawn, Monroe Co., W. Va.
143	Scanlon, Michael P.....	D	1874	Montgomery.....	1	Clarksburg, Montgomery Co., Md.
144	Seat, Wm. H.—Memphis Con.	E	1841	Fincastle.....	1	Fincastle, Va.
145	Sedwick, John C.....	E	1872	Franklin.....	2	Franklin, Pendleton Co., W. Va.
146	Shipley, Francis H.....	E	1869	Frederick Mission.....	1	Winchester, Va.
147	Shoaff, J. Watts.....	D	1875	Union.....	.....	Union, Monroe Co., W. Va.
148	Simmons, Charles E.....	D	1874	Calvert.....	1	Prince Frederick, Md.
149	Sixeas, P. S. E.....	E	1856	Superannuated.....	.....	Clintonville, Greenbrier Co., W. Va.
150	Smith, Eugene R.....	E	1860	Supernumerary, Trinity....	.....	Baltimore, Md.
151	Smith, Presley B.....	E	1853	Trappe Station.....	1	Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.
152	Smith, Robert.....	E	1840	Prince William.....	2	Manassas, Va.

153	Smithson, Rumsey.....	E	1854	Falls Church.....	1	Falls Church, Fairfax Co., Va.
	Illinois Conference.					
154	Snapp, Silas R.....	E	1867	Flint Stone.....	2	Flint Stone, Alleghany Co., Md.
155	Spangler, Joseph N	E	1845	Supernumerary, St. Pauls.....		Baltimore, Md.
156	Steele, John W.....	D	1873	West Harford.....	2	Jarrettsville, Harford Co., Md.
157	Stevenson, George.....	E	1841	Superannuated		N. T. Stephensburg, Frederick Co., Va.
158	Strickler, H. Monroe.....	E	1867	Green Bank.....	3	Green Bank, Pocohontas Co., W. Va.
159	Stringer, Wm. R.....	E	1845	Lingamore.....	2	Unionville, Frederick Co., Md.
160	Strother, Francis A.....	E	1872	East Rockingham.....	3	McGabeysville, Va.
161	Strother, Frank M.	P	1877	Hillsboro.....	1	Hillsboro, Loudoun Co., Va.
162	Taylor, Milton A.....	E	1866	Supernumer'y, Wardensville		Wardensville, Hardy Co, W. Va.
163	Temple, Joseph H.	E		Stafford.....	2	Stafford C. H., Va.
164	Thomas, David	E	1833	Rockingham District.. . . .	3	Baltimore, Md., No. 9 Calhoun Street.
165	Tongue, John W.....	E	1844	Superannuated		Charlestown, Jefferson Co., W. Va.
166	Torreyson, Charles L.....	E	1860	Calvert.....	2	Prince Frederick, Calvert Co., Md.
167	Townsend, Sylvanus.....	E	1863	Springfield.....	1	Springfield, Hampshire Co., W. Va.
	Philadelphia Conference.					
168	Tyler, George T.....	E	1869	Talbot.....	1	Easton, Md.
169	Vandiver, Edward G.....	P	1876	South Branch.....	2	Romney, W. Va.
170	Van Horne, James R.....	E	1866	Levelton	3	Academy, Pocohontas Co., W. Va.
171	Varner, Washington.....	D	1873	Green Valley.....		
172	Wade, William A.....	E	1868	Bruceton.....	1	Wadesville, Clark Co, Va.
173	Walker, William W.....	E		Trinity		Baltimore, Md., Preston St, 1 door E. of Madison
	M. P. Conference.					
174	Watts, Walter W.....	E	1867	Queen Anne's	3	Ingleside, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
175	Waugh, J. Hoffman.....	E	1842	Hillsboro.....	1	Hillsboro, Loudoun Co., Va.
176	Way, Alfred H.....	D	1873	Shenandoah Mission		
177	Weller, Addison.....	E	1864	Blacksburg.....	2	Blacksburg, Montgomery Co., Va.
178	Welty, Elias.....	E	1864	Superannuated.....		Baltimore, Md., 175 E. Madison Street.
179	Wheeler, Rufus M.....	D	1874	Huntersville		Huntersville, Pocohontas Co., W. Va.
180	Wheeler, Vincent W.....	E	1873	Blue Sulphur.....		Blue Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier Co., W. Va.
181	Wheelwright, Wm. H.....	E	1846	Superannuated.....		Nineveh, Warren Co.. Va.
	Virginia Conference.					
182	Whisner, Peter H.....	E	1861	Moorefield District.....	2	Romney, Hampshire Co., W. Va.
183	Wilburne, Ballard R.....	D	1873	Arlington.....		Arlington, Balt. Co., Md.
184	Williams, Robert M.....	D	1874	Bethel.....	1	

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185	Williams, W. Ashby	P	1877	West River	1	Dunkirk, Calvert Co , Md.
186	Wilson, Alpheus W	E	1853	Calvary	1	Baltimore, Md.
187	Wilson, Rufus H	E	1867	Cedarville	2	
188	Wilson, William H	E	1844	Churchville	2	Churchville, Augusta Co., Va.
189	Wolff, James H	E	1855	Gainsboro	1	Gainsboro, Frederick Co., Va.
190	Wolff, John W	E	1846	Berkeley	3	Hedgesville, Berkeley Co., W. Va.
191	Woolf, W. Eggleston	P	1876	Petersburg	1	
192	Woolf, Wm. Henry	P	1877	Springfield	1	Springfield, Hampshire Co., W. Va.
193	Zimmerman, Geo. H	E	1860	Moorefield	2	Moorefield, Hardy Co., W. Va.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES, MARCH, 1877.

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Rev. Samuel H. Williams.. .. .	Baltimore, Md.
John R. Mills.....	Liberty, Frederick Co., Md.
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East Baltimore District—	
J. B. Perry.....	
Samuel Buckman.....	
Charles M. Jump.....	
Charles Towson... ..	Baltimore, Md.
Washington District—	
R. L. Nevitt.....	
Joseph H. Nelson.....	
Jesse B. Wilson.....	Washington, D. C.
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Winchester District—	
James H. Lewin.....	
Moses W. Burr.....	
Charles W. Hensell.....	Winchester, Va.
Jacob Snyder.....	" "
Rockingham District—	
Rev. Wm. Milnes, Jr.....	Shenandoah Iron Works, Page Co., Va.
Saml. R. Sterling.....	Harrisonburg, Va.
S. Switzer.....	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va.
C. W. Brubaker.....	Luray, Va.
Roanoke District—	
James Chalmers.....	Salem, Roanoke Co., Va.
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J. LEWIN.

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ANDREW ROBEY.

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Visitors Introduced to the Conference.

Rev. A. H. REDFORD, D. D., Agent of Publishing House at Nashville.

" J. A. DUNCAN, D. D., President of Randolph Macon College.

" D. C. KELLY, D. D., Associate Secretary Mission Board Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

" Dr. BULLOCK, First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria. Va.

" L. M. LEE, D. D., Virginia Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

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" Brother PENICK, Pastor of the Baptist Church in Alexandria, Va.

SYNOPSIS

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *March 7th*, 1877.

The Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, commenced its ninety-third session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Alexandria, Virginia, Wednesday morning, March 7th, 1877, at 9 o'clock.

Bishop H. H. KAVANAUGH, *President of the Conference*, in the chair.

The Conference sung hymn 272—

"And are we yet alive."

Prayer was offered by the Bishop; after which he read II Timothy, chapter II. The Conference was then led in prayer by S. Regester.

By request of the President, the Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and 107 clerical members answered to their names.

Lay representatives from the several Presiding Elders' Districts, were reported as follows:

Baltimore District—Rev. S. H. Williams, Jno. R. Mills, S. George Donohoo, B. C. King.

East Baltimore District—Rev. J. B. Perry, Samuel Buckman, Charles M. Jump, Charles Towson.

Washington District—Henry W. Febrey, Joseph H. Nelson, Jesse B. Wilson, Wm. H. May.

Winchester District—James H. Lewin, Moses W. Burr, Charles W. Hensel, Jacob Snyder.

Rockingham District—Rev. Wm. Milnes, Jr., Samuel R. Sterling, J. W. F. Allemong, C. W. Brubaker.

Roanoke District—James W. Chalmers, G. W. Gardner, J. H. H. Figgatt, J. A. Rayburn.

Lewisburg District—Nathaniel Allen, Frank Hereford, John G. Cox, George Hill.

Lexington District—Nathaniel C. McKenny, J. J. Hobbs, J. B. Pitzer, J. S. Myers.

Moorefield District—A. W. Vandiver, J. Martin, J. Hendrickson, Rev. P. Hamill.

John S. Martin was re-elected *Secretary*.

On motion, the Secretary was permitted to select his assistants; and James E. Armstrong, Wm. G. Coe and George T. Tyler were re-appointed Assistant Secretaries.

Bishop DOGGETT appeared and took his seat in Conference.

Conference resolved to meet daily at 9 o'clock, A. M., and to adjourn at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The Bar of Conference was fixed on a line across the church, within the third window from the pulpit.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees were appointed, composed each of one Clerical and one Lay member from the several Presiding Elders' Districts, as follows :

On Education, Publishing Interests, Sunday Schools and Temperance.

Committees were, on motion, appointed on the Bible Cause, on Public Worship, to receive Money for Publishing House, to Receive and Distribute Letters, to Distribute Return Tickets on Railroads. (For members of committees, see "Boards and Committees of Conference for 1877.")

On motion, W. H. Wilson and J. R. VanHorne were substituted for R. R. S. Hough and J. M. Follansbee on the Committee of Examination of the second year.

A communication from the Missionary Secretaries at Nashville, was presented, read, and on motion it was referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

A communication was received from J. W. Shreve, formerly of this Conference, but now in the work in Idaho.

OPEN DOORS.

In the examination of character, Conference determined to sit with open doors.

The Twentieth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?* (See General Minutes.)

The Seventeenth Question was called, viz: *Who are Supernumerary?* For continuance of those in Supernumerary relations, (See General Minutes.)

The relation of J. P. Hall was changed from Effective to Supernumerary.

Conference adjourned with singing the doxology, and with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Kavanaugh, to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *March 8th*, 1877.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by S. Kepler.

The journal of yesterday morning was read and approved.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

J. F. Watts was entered on the roll in place of G. Hill, as Lay Representative from the Lewisburg District.

R. L. Nevitt was recognized as Lay Representative from the Washington District, in place of H. W. Feebry.

The roll was called, and twenty additional members answered to their names.

PUBLISHING HOUSE.

A paper from Dr. A. H. Redford, shewing liabilities and assets of the Publishing House, with a letter from Rev. T. O. Summers, D. D., presenting his affectionate greetings to this Conference, were presented and read, and on motion, they were referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Monday morning next, at 10 o'clock, was set apart for Memorial Services for members of this Conference, who have died this year.

By request of the President, Bishop Doggett took the chair.

The Twentieth Question of the General Minutes was resumed, viz: *Are all the Preachers blameless in life and official administration?* (See General Minutes.)

Seventeenth Question—*Who are the Supernumerary?*

The character of James Beatty was examined and passed, and a Supernumerary relation was granted to him.

Eighteenth Question—*Who are Superannuated?*

The character of G. Stevenson was examined and passed, and his relation was changed to Superannuated.

Conference adjourned with singing the doxology, and with the benediction by Bishop Doggett, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *March 9th*, 1877.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by G. Mauzy.

The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Kelly, Assistant Missionary Secretary at Nashville, was introduced.

The Second Question of the General Minutes was called, viz : *Who remain on trial?* (See General Minutes.)

The character of William H. Sanders was examined and passed, but as he did not pass in examination on the course of study, he will be expected to appear before Committees of the 1st and 2d years at the next session.

Question Third—*Who are discontinued?*

Henry A. Wilson was discontinued at his own request.

The character of Daniel Bush was examined and passed, and on motion he was discontinued.

Rev. J. A. Duncan, D. D., presented and read his report as President of Randolph Macon College.

Rev. W. W. Bennett, D. D., Chairman of the Commission appointed from the Virginia Annual Conference to attend this Conference and propose certain arrangements for the division of the Virginia and Baltimore Annual Conferences, presented the preamble and resolutions of the Virginia Conference, which were read.

On motion, a Committee of five, to be composed of three ministers and two laymen, in courtesy to the Virginia Conference, was ordered, to meet the Commission visiting us, and to report to this Conference.

The Committee under the above resolution, was appointed by the President, as follows :

John S. Martin, John Poisal, Alpheus W. Wilson, Charles Towson, James H. H. Figgatt.

FRATERNITY.

The following telegram from the Secretary of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session in Frederick City, Md., addressed to the Secretary of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was presented and read :

FREDERICK CITY, MD., March, 1877.

The Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church sends fraternal greetings to the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in session in Alexandria, Va., "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace; there is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord—one faith—one baptism—one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all and in you all."—Eph. iii, 3-6.

JOHN H. C. DOSH, *Secretary*.

The Conference was addressed by Bishop Kavanaugh and S. Regester. The doxology was sung, and by a rising vote the Conference ordered the Secretary to make a suitable response to the telegram just read.

The response was made by the Secretary of this Conference by telegraph, as follows :

To Rev. J. H. C. Dosh, Secretary of the Baltimore

Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church :

The Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, received with thrilling hearts, the fraternal greetings of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session in Frederick City, Md. The doxology was sung, and Conference, by a rising vote, ordered me to respond for them, "Peace be to you," dear brethren, "and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ," who prayed "that they all may be one, as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." (Ephesian vi, 23, and John xvii, 21.)

JOHN S. MARTIN, *Secretary.*

On motion it was resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to express the sense of this Conference in regard to the action of the Joint Commission, at Cape May, in laying the foundation of fraternal relations between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The candidates for admission into full connection were called before the Conference, and by request of the President, they were examined in accordance with the discipline, and solemnly addressed by Bishop Doggett.

COMMITTEES.

S. G. Ferguson was appointed on the Committee of Examination of the first year, in place of James Beatty.

The President announced the following committees on the case of L. H. Baldwin :—Wm. K. Boyle, J. C. Dice, W. A. Wade.

On the action of the Joint Commission at Cape May :—A. W. Wilson, S. Rodgers, G. H. Zimmerman, P. Hamill, J. B. Wilson.

Conference adjourned with singing the doxology, and with the benediction by J. S. Martin, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, *March 10th, 1877.*

Conference met at the appointed hour.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the Chair.

Religious services were conducted by W. A. Wade.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Fourth Question was called, viz: Who are admitted into full connection? (For names of those admitted, see General Minutes.)

Eighth Question. What traveling preachers are elected Deacons? (See General Minutes.)

The character of Wm. W. Hederick was examined and passed; but as he did not pass in examination on the course of study, he was continued on trial, under Question Second.

CASE OF ROBERT A. McILHENNY.

It was stated that Robert A. McIlhenny, of this class, a preacher on trial, formerly ordained priest in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and afterwards recognized as in orders upon his reception on trial before this Conference, had been tried before the Quarterly Conference of Loudoun Circuit, and expelled from the Church.

On motion it was ordered that the Presiding Elder of the Washington District, require Robert A. McIlhenny to restore to this body, the parchment of recognition of his orders, as before granted by this Conference.

WESLEYAN FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The report of the Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Wesleyan Female Institute, at Staunton, Va., ordered by the Conference last year, was presented and read; also the report of the Principal of the Institute was read, and they were referred to the Committee on Education.

The Twelfth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz: What travelling preachers are elected Elders? (See General Minutes.)

The characters of the following members of this class were examined and passed, viz: Wm. Marshall Hiner, Washington Varner, Alfred H. Way, John W. Canter, Oliver C. Beall, Robert Ross; but as they failed in their examination on the course of study, they were continued under Question Seven, as last year.

The Tenth question was called, viz: What local preachers are elected Deacons? (See General Minutes.)

The Fourteenth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz: What local preachers are elected Elders? (See General Minutes.)

MISSIONARY.

Rev. Dr. Kelley, Missionary Secretary, addressed the Conference on the subject of Missions, and he was followed by Bishop Doggett in an interesting address.

LAY DELEGATES.

A paper from the Lay Delegates of this Conference was presented and read. On motion, that part referring to the Division or re-adjustment of Districts and Circuits, was referred to the presiding Bishop, and that part relating to finances, to the Joint Board of Finance.

The Committee on Public Worship announced the appointments for the Sabbath.

Conference adjourned with singing the doxology, and with the benediction by Bishop Doggett, to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

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FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, *March 12th*, 1877.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by P. B. Smith.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The President handed to the Secretary for record in the journal, the following Deacons ordained by him yesterday morning, (March 11th,) in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of this City, as follows:

TRAVELLING.—J. Kyle Gilbert, James W. Shoaff, Henry T. Watts, Charles M. Brown, Wm. B. Dorsey, James H. Boyd, A. Ezra Bradenbaugh, Andrew M. Cackley, Henry S. Coe, Luke R. Markwood.

LOCAL.—Lee M. Lyle, John F. Sharpless.

Sermon before the ordination, preached by Bishop Kavanaugh, from John xii, 32.

The following were ordained by Bishop Kavanaugh as Elders, last evening, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in this City:

TRAVELLING.—Louis L. Lloyd, William E. Miller, Vincent W. Wheeler, Ballard R. Wilburne.

LOCAL.—George W. Gardner.

The Sermon before the ordination was delivered by Rev. L. M. Lee, D. D., of the Virginia Conference.—Text, John iii, 12.

The ordination service was conducted by Bishop Kavanaugh, J. S. Martin and W. G. Coe assisting by reading the lessons, and S. Kepler, J. S. Martin, J. H. Waugh, N. Head, R. R. S. Hough, Wm. G. Coe assisting the Bishop in the laying on of hands.

On motion, the interests of Johnson Female College were referred to the Committee on Education.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The hour for memorial services having arrived, the memoir of Rev. Norval Wilson, was read.

Addresses in relation to the deceased were made by J. Poisal, S. Regester, J. S. Martin and Bishop Kavanaugh.

On motion, the memoir of Norval Wilson, just read, was adopted by a rising vote.

The memoir of Rev. Jason P. Etchison, was read. E. F. Busey, D. Ball, C. S. Dameron, S. K. Cox and Dr Bledsoe, severally addressed the Conference, and the memoir was adopted by a rising vote.

The memoir of Rev. Henry Clay Pitzer, was read.

Addresses were made by W. G. Coe, P. B. Smith, Dr. J. A. Duncan and Hon. Frank Hereford.

The memoir of Henry Clay Pitzer, was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, Resolved that it is the sense of this Conference, that the life of Norval Wilson, so valued by us, and so replete with incident and important facts, which enter so largely into the history of this body, ought to be prepared for publication, and we hereby request Rev. S. Rodgers, D. D., to confer with the family and take such other steps as shall secure the desired end.

Conference adjourned with singing the doxology, and with the benediction by Bishop Doggett, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, *March 13th*, 1877.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by G. G. Brooke.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion, Resolved that Bishop Doggett be requested to deliver in this house this evening, his lecture on the Progress of Methodism in the Nineteenth Century.

S. Kepler, by order of Conference, waited on the Bishop, and returned with the promise of compliance on the part of the Bishop.

CASE OF L. H. BALDWIN.

The report of the committee in the case of L. H. Baldwin, was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted as follows:

"Your committee, after hearing all the available testimony concerning the case of L. H. Baldwin, are of opinion that he has been greatly misrepresented, and that under all the circumstances, we believe his withdrawal from his work was justifiable, and we, therefore, heartily recommend the passage of his character."

Seventeenth Question. The character of S. S. Ryder, was examined and passed, and he was granted a supernumerary relation.

S. S. AND TRACT AGENT.

The report of J. M. Grandin, as Sunday School Agent, was read, and T. J. Magruder offered on behalf of Trinity Sunday School, to assume the debt referred to in the report.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publishing Interests, was read, and on motion it was adopted.

By request of the President, Bishop Doggett took the chair.

FRATERNITY.

The report of the committee appointed to express the sense of this Conference, on the action of the Joint Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Cape May, was presented and read, and on motion, it was adopted by a rising vote, the Conference singing the doxology.

The First Question of the General Minutes was called, viz: Who are admitted on trial? (See General Minutes.)

Conference adjourned with singing the doxology, and with the benediction by Bishop Doggett, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *March 14th*, 1877.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by S. K. Cox.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Jesse Liston was substituted for J. Martin, as a Lay Representative from the Moorefield District.

The Seventh Question of the General Minutes was called, viz: Who are the Deacons of one year? (See General Minutes.)

CASE OF A. C. GEARHART.

On motion, a Committee of Inquiry was appointed in the case of Alfred C. Gearhart, as follows: S. Rodgers, H. A. Gaver, W. G. Eggleston.

The character of J. F. Baggs was examined and passed, but as he was not before the Committee on the Course of Study, he was continued under Question Eighth, as last year.

THANKS TO BISHOP DOGGETT.

Thanks of the Conference, by a rising vote, were given to Bishop Doggett, for his excellent lecture delivered last evening, on the progress of Methodism in the nineteenth century.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The report of the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions was presented, read and accepted.

Question Sixteenth—*Who are located this year?*

John D. C. Hanna was granted a location at his own request.

BOARD OF FINANCE.

The report of the Joint Board of Finance, relating to the amounts received, was presented, read and accepted.

COLLECTION.

Collections to meet deficiencies in the amounts necessary for the Bishops and Superannuated Fund, were taken up in Conference, amounting to \$521.20.

Conference determined, that when it adjourn, it adjourn to meet again this afternoon, at 3½ o'clock.

Presiding Elders obtained leave of absence for this afternoon.

CASE OF A. C. GEARHART.

The report of the Committee in the case of A. C. Gearhart, was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted, as follows:

"The Committee appointed to consider the complaint against A. C. Gearhart, respectfully report that in their judgment the said A. C. Gearhart has, by injudicious conduct, rendered himself to a large degree unacceptable and inefficient in his work; but, whereas, he promises amendment, we recommend that his character pass, so that a further test may be had of his adaptation to our work."

Signed,

S. RODGERS,
W. G. EGGLESTON,
H. A. GAVAR.

Conference adjourned with singing the doxology, and with the benediction by the Bishop, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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SEVENTH DAY—Second Session.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ o'clock, *March 14th, 1877.*

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Doggett in the chair.

The journal of this morning was read and approved.

The Committee on the Course of Study of the third year, reported that A. C. Gearhart passed a good examination, and he will appear in the class of the fourth year under Question Seventh.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education presented a report in relation to the Wesleyan Female Institute, at Staunton, Va., which was read.

W. A. Harris, D. D., Principal of the Institute, addressed the Conference, and on motion the report was adopted.

A paper in relation to the appointment of J. Landstreet, as agent for Wesleyan Female Institute, was offered by J. H. H. Figgatt and J. W. Canter, and on motion it was adopted.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Report No. 2 of Committee on Publishing Interests, relating to the Baltimore Episcopal Methodist, was presented and read.

The report was amended by substituting "Advisory Committee" for Editorial Committee, and on motion it was adopted.

Report No. 3 of the same Committee, relating to the Quarterly Review, published by Dr. Bledsoe, was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted.

CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES.

The report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Commission from the Virginia Conference, in relation to the division of the Conferences, or readjustment of Conference boundaries between Virginia and Baltimore Conferences, was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted.

Conference adjourned with singing the doxology, and with the benediction by Bishop Doggett, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

EIGHTH DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *March 15th*, 1877.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by A. Robey.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

EDUCATION.

The portions of the educational report relating to Johnson Female College, Valley Female College, Montgomery Female College and Lonoak Female College, were severally read and adopted.

That part of the report relating to Randolph Macon College, was read and adopted.

On motion, resolved by the Baltimore Annual Conference, in Conference assembled, that we hereby recommend and authorize the application of the proceeds of the sale of the Parsonage of Loudoun Circuit, in the town of Middleburg, to the purchase of a new Parsonage, located in the town of Upperville.

The Eighteenth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz: Who are Superannuated? (See General Minutes.)

The relation of Jno. W. Ewan was changed from Effective to Superannuated.

On motion, it was requested that John P. Hyde be appointed by the Bishop, President of Lonoak Female College.

The Fifth Question was called, viz: Who are re-admitted. (See General Minutes.)

On motion, James M. Stevenson, an Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was received into the Conference, he having taken upon himself our ordination vows.

Conference determined, that when it adjourn, it adjourn to meet again this afternoon, at 3½ o'clock.

Sixteenth Question—Who are located this year?

A location was granted to J. Timothy Smith at his own request.

CASE OF A. C. GEARHART.

On motion, the report on the case of A. C. Gearhart was reconsidered.

On motion, his character was passed, and he was located in his absence from the Conference.

Conference adjourned with singing the doxology, and with the benediction by the Bishop, to meet this afternoon at 3½ o'clock.

*EIGHTH DAY—Second Session.*THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ o'clock, *March 15th, 1877.*

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Doggett in the chair.

The journal of this morning was read and approved.

STATISTICS.

The report on' statistics of membership, property and Sunday Schools, also the financial exhibit from the several charges, were severally presented by the Secretary and read, and they were accepted.

Question Sixteenth—L. H. Baldwin was located at his own request.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was presented, read, and on motion, it was adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented, read, and on motion, it was adopted.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Joint Board of Finance presented a detailed statement of amount assessed, paid, and deficiencies of disciplinary collections.

On motion, the second resolution was stricken out, and the remaining resolutions were adopted.

A collection of \$22.20 was taken up for the sexton.

Thirtieth Question—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Baltimore was nominated and was unanimously chosen as the place of the next session.

BISHOP DOGGETT TAKES LEAVE.

Bishop Doggett took leave of the Conference in an affectionate address, which was responded to by Bishop Kavanaugh.

On motion, resolved, that we sincerely reciprocate the sentiments of christian kindness and brotherly affection so cordially presented by Bishop Doggett to this Conference; that we have enjoyed with great satisfaction the pleasure of his present visit, and that we shall at all times welcome him with highest satisfaction to all future sessions of our Conference.

S. KEPLER,
G. G. BROOKE.

FAST DAYS.

The first Fridays in May and October were appointed days of fasting and prayer for the whole Conference.

THANKS.

On motion, resolved by the Baltimore Annual Conference, in Conference assembled, that our heart-felt thanks are hereby tendered to the citizens of Alexandria, for their generous and noble hospitality during our most pleasant and long to be remembered session, with the assurance of our earnest prayers for their material and eternal welfare.

BISHOP KAVANAUGH.

On motion, resolved by the Baltimore Annual Conference, in Conference assembled, that we have hailed with peculiar pleasure this first visit of our beloved Bishop Kavanaugh; and we hereby express our high appreciation of his efficient and courteous Presidency over our proceedings, and that our prayers for his welfare will follow him, and we will always hail his coming among us.

THANKS TO RAILROADS, &C.

On motion, resolved, that a special vote of thanks is hereby returned to the various Railroad and Steamboat Companies for favors shown the Ministers and Lay Delegates of this body.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Appropriations to the several mission fields of the Conference, from the Conference Board of Missions, was presented and read. (See report.)

The President was requested to appoint a Sunday School and Tract Agent.

The President read the sixth chapter of second Corinthians, and addressed the Conference.

The 278th hymn was sung—

“And let our bodies part.”

The appointments of the Preachers to their several fields of labor by the Bishop, were announced, and Conference adjourned to meet in Baltimore, 1878.

GENERAL MINUTES.

Ques. I. Who are admitted on trial?

Ans. W. Ashby Williams, William Henry Woolf, William Edward Blackistone, Frank Montgomery Strother, Lee M. Lyle, R. Stewart Cunningham, German O. Homan, Jacob S. Hopkins, John G. Graichen, James L. Porterfield, John C. Jones, Henry P. Hamill.

Ques. II. Who remain on trial?

Ans. Edward G. Vandiver, L. Rosser Green, W. Eggleston Woolf, J. Latimer Kibler, Geo. T. D. Collins, Geo. S. Lightner, John H. Davidson, Alfred O. Armstrong, William A. Bryan, Charles M. Haddaway, Henry C. Calwell, Wm. W. Hedrick, * Wm. H. Sanders.

Ques. III. Who are discontinued?

Ans. Henry A. Wilson, Daniel L. Bush, † Robert A. McIlhenny.

Ques. IV. Who are admitted into full connection?

Ans. William B. Dorsey, J. Kyle Gilbert, James H. Boyd, James W. Shoaff, A. Ezra Bradenbaugh, Henry T. Watts, Andrew M. Cackley, Charles M. Brown, Henry S. Coe, Luke R. Markwood.

Ques. V. Who are re-admitted?

Ans. William R. McNeer.

Ques. VI. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Ans. None.

J. M. Stevenson, an Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having taken on himself our ordination vows, was received into our connection.

Ques. VII. Who are the Deacons of one year?

Ans. J. Wesley Steele, John Robert Andrew, Charles E. Simmons, Oscar F. Burgess, J. Asbury Regester, Robert M. Williams, Michael P. Scanlon, Thomas G. Nevitt, Rufus M. Wheeler, Wm. Marshall Hiner, Washington Varner, Alfred H. Way, John W. Canter, Oliver C. Beall, Robert Ross,

* To be examined on 1st and 2d years.

† Expelled.

Ques. VIII. What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?

Ans. Wm. B. Dorsey, J. Kyle Gilbert, James H. Boyd, James W. Shoaff, A. Ezra Bradenbaugh, Henry T. Watts, Andrew M. Cackley, Charles M. Brown, Henry S. Coe, Luke R. Markwood.

Ques. IX. What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?

Ans. William B. Dorsey, J. Kyle Gilbert, James H. Boyd, James W. Shoaff, A. Ezra Bradenbaugh, Henry T. Watts, Andrew M. Cackley, Charles M. Brown, Henry S. Coe, Luke R. Markwood, J. Frederick Baggs.

Ques. X. What local preachers are elected Deacons?

Ans. Lee M. Lyle, John F. Sharpless.

Ques. XI. What local preachers are ordained Deacons?

Ans. Lee M. Lyle, John F. Sharpless.

Ques. XII. What traveling preachers are elected Elders?

Ans. Lewis L. Lloyd, Vincent W. Wheeler, Wm. E. Miller, Ballard R. Wilburne.

Ques. XIII. What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?

Ans. Lewis L. Lloyd, Vincent W. Wheeler, William E. Miller, Ballard R. Wilburne.

Ques. XIV. What local preachers are elected Elders?

Ans. George W. Gardner.

Ques. XV. What local preachers are ordained Elders?

Ans. George W. Gardner.

Ques. XVI. Who are located this year?

Ans. John D. C. Hanna, J. Timothy Smith, Lucius H. Baldwin, Alfred C. Gearhart.

Ques. XVII. Who are Supernumerary?

Ans. John W. Boteler, Joseph N. Spangler, George R. Jefferson, Eugene R. Smith, Francis M. Mills, J. Newman Hank, Edward F. Heterick, Asbury R. Martin, James C. Hummer, Milton A. Taylor, John P. Hall, James Beatty, Stewart S. Ryder.

Ques. XVIII. Who are Superannuated?

Ans. Thos. B. Sargent, Samuel Kepler, John W. Tongue, Thomas Hildebrand, Alfred A. Eskridge, Henry Hoffman, William H. Wheelwright, William J. Perry, William Hedges, Elias Welty, P. S. E. Sixeas, William H. D. Harper, Jehu Hank, Ephraim S. Kregelo, John W. Ewan, George Stevenson.

Ques. XIX. What preachers have died during the past year?

Ans. Norval Wilson, Jason P. Etchison, Henry C. Pitzer.

Ques. XX. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Ans. Their names were called over one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

Ques. XXI. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference?

Ans. Local preachers, 109; members, 27,562. (See Statistics.)

Ques. XXII. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Ans. 1461. (See Statistics.)

Ques. XXIII. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Ans. 1225.

Ques. XXIV. What is the number of Sunday Schools?

Ans. 422. (See Statistics.)

Ques. XXV. What is the number of Sunday School Teachers?

Ans. 3973.

Ques. XXVI. What is the number of Sunday School Scholars?

Ans. 23,183.

Ques. XXVII. What amount is necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of preachers?

Ans. \$4,625.00. (See Report of Joint Board of Finance.)

Ques. XXVIII. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Ans. \$4,625.00.

Ques. XXIX. What has been contributed for Missions?

Ans. \$7,722.25.

Ques. XXX. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Ans. Baltimore City, Md.

Ques. XXXI. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Ans. See Appointments.

APPOINTMENTS.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT, EZRA F. BUSEY, P. E.

Baltimore :

- Central—John A. Kern.
J. N. Hank, Sup'y.
- { St. Paul's—S. K. Cox.
J. N. Spangler, Sup'y.
 - { Emmanuel—J. S. Gardner.
J. C. Hummer, Sup'y.
- Frederick Ave—C. G. Linthicum.
- { Baltimore Circuit—J. A. Regester.
 - { Ailington—B. R. Wilburne.
- Freedom—David Bush.
A. E. Bradenbaugh.
J. P. Hall, Sup'y.
- Linganore—W. R. Stringer.
- Frederick City—S. S. Roszell.
- Rockville—J. C. Dice.
C. M. Brown.
A. R. Martin, Sup'y.
- Montgomery—H. A. Gaver.
M. P. Scanlon.
- Bladensburg—L. R. Jones.
J. L. Porterfield.
- Laurel—L. C. Miller.
- Wesley Grove—B. S. Highley.
- South River—W. A. McDonald.
- Upper Marlboro—W. E. Miller.
- German Miss on—To be supplied.

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT, D. BALL, P. E.

Baltimore :

- Trinity—W. W. Walker.
E. R. Smith, Sup'y.
- Calvary—A. W. Wilson.
- East Baltimore—L. W. Haslup.
- North Baltimore—B. W. Bond.

Taylor's Circuit—S. F. Butt.

West Harford—J. W. Steele.

East Harford—G. W. Lightner.

- Talbot—G. T. Tyler.
G. S. Lightner.

- Trappe—P. B. Smith.

- Kent—T. W. Brown.

Queen Anne's—W. W. Watts.
W. A. Bryan.

- Severn—J. L. Kibler.

West River—E. H. Henry.
W. A. Williams.

Calvert—C. L. Torreyson.
C. E. Simmons.

Prince George's—F. A. Mercer.
C. M. Haddaway.

Charles and St. Mary's—
W. R. McNeer.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT, S. REGESTER, P. E.

Washington :

Mt. Vernon Place—To be supplied.
J. W. Boteler, Sup'y.

- Alexandria—W. K. Boyle.
F. M. Mills, Sup'y.

Fairfax—C. A. Joyce.
J. F. Baggs.

- Falls Church—R. Smithson.

Farmwell—O. C. Beall.

- { Leesburg—H. H. Kennedy.
- { Potomac Mission—F. Furr.

- { Hamilton and Grove—
L. H. Crenshaw.
- { Hillsboro—J. H. Waugh.
F. M. Strother.

Loudoun—T. E. Carson.
H. P. Hamill.

- { Piedmont—J. H. Dulany.
- { Warrenton—J. Higgins.
- { L. Rosser Green.
- Paris—G. B. Allen.
- Fauquier—J. S. Porter.
- L. M. Lyle.
- Prince William—R. Smith.
- Stafford—J. H. Temple.
- Fredericksburg—J. E. Armstrong.
- J. M. Grandin, Sunday
- School and Tract Agent.

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WINCHESTER DISTRICT,
NELSON HEAD, P. E.

- Winchester—S. Rodgers.
- { Winchester Circuit—A. B. Dolly.
- { Cedarville—R. H. Wilson.
- Frederick—F. H. Shipley.
- E. F. Heterick, Sup'y.
- { Front Royal and Riverton—
- { W. C. Maloy.
- { Warren—W. B. Dorsey.
- Berryville—G. G. Brooke.
- Brucetown—W. A. Wade.
- R. S. Cunningham.
- Martinsburg—J. Poisal.
- Berkeley—J. W. Wolff.
- Charlestown—S. G. Ferguson.
- Jefferson—A. M. Cackley.
- Shepherdstown—J. L. Shipley.
- Gainsboro—James H. Wolff.
- Wardensville—L. G. Martin.
- M. A. Taylor, Sup'y.
- Bethel—R. M. Williams.
- Shenandoah Mission—A. H. Way.
- Lonoak Female College,
- J. P. Hyde, *President*.

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ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT,
DAVID THOMAS, P. E

- Staunton—J. S. Martin.
- Harrisonburg—W. G. Eggleston.
- Shenandoah Iron Works—
- W. G. Hammond.
- Mount Sidney—L. H. Grabill.
- Churchville—W. H. Wilson.
- G. R. Jefferson, Sup'y.
- Bridgewater—H. W. Kinzer.
- J. G. Graichen.

- Rockingham—F. H. Richey.
- G. D. T. Collins.
- East Rockingham—F. A. Strother
- Port Republic—A. Robey.
- Furnace—J. F. Hopkins.
- New Market—C. L. Dameron.
- Woodstock & Edinburg—G. Mauzy.
- Strasburg—L. Fox.
- Luray—M. G. Balthis.
- Page—German O. Homan.
- Wesleyan Female Institute—
- W. A. Harris, Principal.
- J. Landstreet, Agent.

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ROANOKE DISTRICT,
R. R. S. Hough, P. E.

- Salem—J. W. Duffy.
- Roanoke Circuit—J. J. Engle.
- Blacksburg—A. Weller.
- Christiansburg—J. H. March.
- Fincastle—W. H. Seat.
- J. H. Davidson.
- Lexington Circuit—W. O. Ross.
- James River—W. W. Hederick.
- New Castle Mission—A. Boone.
- Catawba Mission—Robert Ross.
- Sinking Creek—W. M. Hiner.
- Lafayette—L. L. Lloyd.

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LEWISBURG DISTRICT,
W. G. Coe, P. E.

- Lewisburg—A. P. Boude.
- Frankford—W. L. Lynch.
- H. C. Calwell.
- { White Sulphur Station—
- { J. T. Williams.
- { Anthony's Creek—Jno. W. Canter.
- Blue Sulphur—V. W. Wheeler.
- Ronceverte—H. S. Coe.
- Levelton—J. R. VanHorne.
- Huntersville—R. M. Wheeler.
- Green Bank—H. M. Strickler.
- { Centreville—J. J. Crickenberger.
- { Peterstown—W. H. Sanders.
- Union—J. W. Shoaff.
- Hillsdale—To be supplied.
- Laurel Creek—To be supplied by
- A. T. Ballantine.

Summers—O. F. Burgess.
 Johnson Female College—
 J. M. Follansbee, *President*.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT,

• J. L. GILBERT, P. E.
 Lexington—I. W. Canter.
 Colliertown—S. B. Dolly.
 Fairfield—T. Briley.
 • Augusta—B. F. Ball.
 J. C. Jones.
 West Augusta—J. T. Maxwell.
 Upper Batetourt—J. H. Boyd.
 Covington—W. T. Quinn.
 Monterey—A. Q. Flaherty.
 A. O. Armstrong.
 Crab Bottom—J. F. Follin.
 Highland—H. D. Bishop.
 • J. K. Gilbert.
 Bath—A. C. McNeer.
 • S. S. Ryder, Sup'y.
 Green Valley—W. Varner.

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT,

P. H. WHISNER, P. E.
 • Moorefield—G. H. Zimmerman
 J. Beatty, Sup'y.

Petersburg—W. E. Woolfe.
 Franklin—J. C. Sedwick.
 W. E. Blackiston.
 • Keyser—Wesley Hammond.
 South Branch—J. S. Hutchinson.
 E. G. Vandiver.
 Springfield—S. Townsend.
 William H. Woolfe.
 North River—John N. Gray.
 Morgan—Leonidas Butt.
 Hardy—To be supplied.
 • Piedmont—S. W. Haddaway.
 Frostburg—T. G. Nevitt.
 Listonville—L. R. Markwood.
 Cumberland—To be supplied.
 Flint Stone—S. R. Snapp.
 Rainsburg—J. R. Andrew.

A. A. P. Neale transferred to
 Florida Conference.
 Jno. Hannon transferred to
 Louisiana Conference.
 James Stevenson transferred to
 Western Virginia Conference.
 Henry T. Watts transferred to
 Western Virginia Conference.

Boards, Committees, Visitors to Literary Institutions

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W. A. WADE,	J. E. ARMSTRONG,	W. K. BOYLE.
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Wesleyan Female Institute.

W. G. EGGLESTON,	W. H. WILSON,	B. F. BALL.
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Valley Female College.

S. RODGERS, D.D.,	W. C. MALOY,	G. G. BROOKE.
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Lonoak Female College.

J. L. SHIPLEY,	L. C. MILLER,	S. G. FERGUSON.
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Johnson Female College.

A. P. BOUDE,	J. T. WILLIAMS,	W. H. SEAT.
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Montgomery Female College.

W. H. SEAT,	A. WELLER,	J. W. DUFFY.
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Roanoke "	J. W. DUFFY,
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Lexington "	B. F. BALL,
Moorefield "	J. S. HUTCHINSON.

Committees of Examination.

Candidates for Admission on Trial,

	J. S. GARDNER,	L. H. CRENSHAW,	W. K. BOYLE.
1st Year—	W. G. EGGLESTON,	J. H. DULANY,	S. G. FERGUSON,
2d Year—	WM. H. WILSON,	J. R. VANHORNE,	W. A. WADE,
3d Year—	J. C. DICE,	W. H. SEAT,	W. C. MALOY,
4th Year—	A. W. WILSON,	S. K. COX,	T. E. CARSON.

COURSE OF STUDY.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English education.

FIRST YEAR.

The Bible, in reference to its Historical and Biographical parts, and its Chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapter I, Sections 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, Chapters I and II; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV; Preachers Manual; Redford's History of the Organization of the M. E. Church, South; Written Sermon on Repentance.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

SECOND YEAR.

The Bible, in reference to its Prophetical parts; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II; Watson's Institutes, Part III; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapters II, III and IV; Manual of Discipline, Chapters III and IV; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus' Hand Book of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon; Watson's Sermons; Bickersteth on the Spirit of Life; Whately's Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.

The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III; Watson's Institutes, Part II; Coppee's Logic; River's Mental Philosophy; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapter V to the end; Manual of Discipline, Chapters V, VI and VII; Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Young's Christ of History; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickok's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Stevens' History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whately's Logic.

FOURTH YEAR.

The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV; Watson's Institutes, Part I; Powell on Apostolical Succession; Hickok's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline reviewed; Manual of Discipline, Chapters VIII and IX; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; River's Moral Philosophy; Hopkin's Homiletics; Wall on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

COMMENTARIES.

Clarke's; Watson's Exposition; Wesley's Notes; Summers on the Gospels; Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus; Lange on the New Testament; Olshausen on the New Testament; Alford on the New Testament; Bloomfield on the New Testament; Macknight on the Epistles; Henry's Exposition; Whitby's Commentary.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

Mr. President and Members of the Baltimore Conference :

The present condition of Randolph Macon is not materially different from what it was at my last annual report. While under the pressure of the times, our patronage has fallen slightly below what it was last session, we still maintain our rank, in this respect, with our sister Colleges of the South.

There are now in attendance at College, one hundred and thirty-two students, and twenty-two of these are preparing for the ministry.

NEW HALL.

One very valuable improvement has been added to our facilities for instruction, by the erection of a large and convenient building, affording us six commodious lecture rooms.

Most of the money necessary for this improvement has been collected, and the agent of the College, Rev. T. A. Ware, is now at work making diligent efforts to secure the balance that is needed to relieve it from all debt.

Plans have been projected by the Board of Trustees for the erection of additional buildings, as soon as the requisite funds can be obtained.

ENDOWMENT.

It has been no easy task to sustain and improve the educational advantages of the Institution for the last eight years without an endowment. Yet, by hard work, this has been done; so that we have grown, have been productive, have greatly increased the value of our property, enlarged our course of instruction, and yet have not added to, but really diminished the debt with which we began. The labor necessary to realize these progressive results has been great—greater than it might have been, had it not fallen upon only a few instead of being distributed more generally among the friends of this cause.

When we compare what should have been done with what has been done, we have no ground of boasting. But if we compare what has been done in this educational department with what has been done during the same time in other departments of the church's benevolence, we have little ground for complaint. But unless comfort could be taken from the trite saying, "misery loves company," it is not consoling, and much less is it encouraging, to be told that the College is doing about as well as the other enterprises of the church.

CHURCH WORK SHOULD NOT LANGUISH.

I am not prepared to admit that any enterprise of the church languishes or goes on lame feet from necessity or misfortune, and not through fault of the church itself. If any thing on earth should go forward vigorously, with ever-

increasing power and cheerfulness, it ought to be church work. Animated by the deepest, most sacred and inflexible principles, by the most elevated and generous sentiments, and accompanied by the daily blessing of God, if any work ought to be an exception to all common rules affecting matters of business, ought to be above financial panics and depression in the money market, this church work ought to be such an exception. It should, at least, be the last to suffer, the last to lack friends and money. In every deluge of earthly interests, this ark of the Lord ought to float. But unfortunately, church interests are not properly appreciated, and are very far from being regarded as necessities of life, as bread, which we must have whatever else we may lose or lack. They seem to be esteemed rather as costly luxuries with which we part first and most willingly, as things of least consequence to be maintained. Nay, even among luxuries, the first to be surrendered, are the luxuries of a good church, a respectable parsonage, a good religious journal, a valuable quarterly review, a faithful pastor, (well supported,) a fund for widows, orphans and aged preachers, an efficient missionary treasury and good educational provisions for our children. In their plans of economy, when they are relieved from such superfluities as these, some persons are able thereby to enjoy serious other luxuries longer, and can still indulge in fashionable amusements, pleasure travels, expensive dress, ornaments and the like. But when these also have to go, alas! the poor people, in their reduced circumstances, greatly need the sympathy of such religious luxuries as preachers. Who can, with melancholy emphasis, say: Ah, hast thou become as one of us? Have to work hard? Obligated to live cheap? Paid in unredeemed promises, on the faith of which you have gone in debt? Indeed, that is a painful state of things. We preachers have been trying to to get used to just such things for many years, even during what were called good times. But we are so human that we cannot help thinking it would be very desirable to have better times in these respects. But to comfort us, we are told such things are good for preachers—keeps them from becoming worldly; makes them heavenly minded; tends to humility. Why it may not be equally profitable unto the godliness of others, does not appear. But might it not be well to take advantage of such hard times, and embrace the opportunity of making a new beginning and *seek first the Kingdom of God*. Who knows, but if the church will take this divine plan and indulge a little more freely in such religious luxuries as I have mentioned, the tonic effect of the wholesome diet might give greater strength to be diligent in business, and to work willingly with our hands to such good purpose, that by the blessing of the Lord we may reap more plentiful harvests, and so prosper as to enjoy once more those good things, which, when we possess them, we could not part with even for the Lord's sake.

CHURCH NEGLECTED FOR THE WORLD.

Ah, the contagion of worldly aims! With the beguiling example of worldly people before us daily, we forget the principles that should govern and direct our labors, our expenditures and our pleasures. Drawn into the eager race after riches, as into a vortex of sensuous passion, thoughts of God and of His church are drowned in *business! business!* That instead of being only a *means*, becomes an *end* to which every energy must be devoted, leaving little *will* and less *heart* for church work. No wonder if the church's revenue be small!

Many of our people are *really* poor; some are *comparatively* poor; a few only are rich; but among all classes, now, the chronic cry is, we are all poor! And this popular conviction paralyzes effort. The life pulse of trade beats slowly. The anxiety to *save* and to *make* becomes intense. The givers of money diminish, and the few faithful ones who always do what they can, are over-burdened and over-strained; yet, they at least never forget their obligations to the Lord, who redeemed them not with silver and gold, but with His own precious blood. Amid such times, College work especially is hard to sustain.

WHAT IS BEST TO BE DONE?

The case, if stated in a series of propositions, is this:

1. We need a first-class College for our people.
2. We need adequate means to sustain such a College.

3. We need liberality to supply the means.
4. We need adequate appreciation of the educational work to induce the liberality.
5. We need distinct ideas of the work and our relation to it, to produce the appreciation.
6. We need some extensive and efficient agency of communication, to generate and diffuse such distinct ideas of the value of education.
7. We need deep convictions and cordial sympathy to render such an agency effective.

Upon the last proposition all the others depend for their realization. If deep convictions of the value of this cause, and warm sympathy for its success, filled the hearts of a sufficient number of earnest people, success would be assured. This would furnish the effective agency, diffuse the right ideas, produce the appreciation, rouse the liberality, supply the means, and sustain the first-class College.

THE PREACHERS ALONE CAN BE THIS AGENCY.

When, a few years ago, during the summer months, I travelled incessantly, and addressed the people extensively on this subject, two hundred and thirty-five students crowded our halls—but it would be suicidal for one person to attempt such work every year, and yet such continuous representations of educational interest must be given annually to our people, till a higher appreciation of intellectual culture is more generally developed.

If our preachers will instruct the people everywhere on this subject, then we shall have at once the best, because the most regular, systematic and extensive representations of education, and coincidently every other interest of the church will be advanced.

If Randolph Macon College could be placed before the mind of every member and of every friend of our church, in a simple and distinct manner, neither flattering it nor depreciating it; neither magnifying its value nor shading its defects, nor in any wise making a false impression concerning it, the fortune of the College would be instantly made.

This education work must be pushed forward for society's sake, for the church's sake, and among our people and by our preachers, for Methodism's sake, or else we may sow, but others will reap our fields. We may form circuits, but others will educate and control the rising generation; we may multiply numbers, and wonder why the wealth and the intelligence of communities seem not to be proportionably represented among us; but the obvious lesson of history will merely find another illustration in our example; that they who lead in the work of education will naturally represent the highest intelligence and control the most cultivated energy of the people.

The material progress of our country is far in advance of its intellectual culture and its moral life. Let us as preachers strive to bring a more distinct, collective power to bear in favor of high culture, so that the popular mind may be elevated and be better instructed in this direction.

RANDOLPH MACON IMPROVED.

For eight years, the Faculty of Randolph Macon College have labored earnestly to make its course of instruction everything it ought to be; but against how many embarrassments have they not been obliged to contend? It is everything that our means will allow it to be; yet it is not what it might be if our people would endow it with sufficient capital for the full work it might do for the church.

If a student will use all its present advantages, he will be greatly benefited. But, unfortunately, some people absurdly think that boys, with hardly the preparation of a tolerable primary education, can go to College for a few months, or at most a few sessions, and then if they come not forth as stars of the first magnitude, it is a reflection upon the value of the College. Or, what is equally irrational, they suppose that every stupid youth, who may have been at the College for a long or short time, is a type of its educative value. Or what is quite

as unjust, some imagine that every boy who recites well, receives certificates and diplomas from studying successfully, ought to have all the peculiar gifts and graces for the ministry. Such blunders and errors concerning College work, generate prejudices, and prevent liberality towards institutions of learning.

Let us endeavor to give our people clear and sound ideas on this subject, and interest them in this work of education.

This will secure funds and patronage, and then you will feel the deep and pervasive value of the College, not merely in the young men it will give to the work of the ministry, but also in the improved ideas and energies that will be, through its influence, diffused into all our church work.

I cannot speak too highly of the generous zeal with which some of you have labored in this cause. In the approbation of your own conscience, in the reflection that you have done what you could for your own generation, in the blessings you have bestowed upon the church of your choice, and in the rich remunerations which a beneficent Providence never fails to give to labors of christian love, your reward is sure and sweet.

In conclusion, I invoke your cordial co-operation, and above all, your fervent prayers in this educational work, in which I humbly strive to what I can as your servant and Christ's.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. DUNCAN,

Pres. R. M. College

REPORT
OF THE
Executive Committee of Board of Trustees
OF
WESLEYAN FEMALE INSTITUTE.

AT STAUNTON, VIRGINIA,

In response to Resolution of Baltimore Conference, March, 1876.

*To the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist
Episcopal Church, South, in Conference assembled :*

The undersigned, Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Wesleyan Female Institute, at Staunton, Virginia, in response to the resolution of your Conference, passed at the last session, as follows:

"Resolved, That the Trustees of the Wesleyan Female Institute, at Staunton, Va., be and they hereby are requested to appoint a committee to investigate the financial condition, in full, of the said Institute, from the purchase of the new building to the present time, and report to the next session of Conference," beg leave to report :

1. They append to this report as Exhibit "A," a statement of the financial operations of the Institute, from the year 1870, to July 14th, 1876, and ask that it be taken as a part of this report.

2. They also append a tabulated statement in Exhibit "B," and ask that the same be taken as a part of the report.

3. The committee think it proper to accompany the financial Exhibit with the following explanatory statement :

(1.) The *new* Institute was purchased with the expectation that a considerable sum could be realized from a sale of the old property, after paying the debt for which it was mortgaged, which could be used in reducing the purchase money of the former. This expectation, although reasonable at the time, has been disappointed by reason of the financial crisis, which subsequently set in, and which has continued with extraordinary severity until the present time. No aid has been derived from that source whatever.

(2.) We have been compelled to rely upon the assumption of responsibility, in the part of the Principal, his credit and financial management, and the revenues of the school EXCLUSIVELY, to pay the large debt contracted in the purchase of the property, the construction of additional buildings, and supplying the large quantity of new furniture required to supply the same.

(3.) It is believed that the purchase was eminently judicious—indeed, absolutely essential—in view of the condition and future prospects of the school, to which the old property was wholly unsuited and inadequate.

(4.) While the amount realized by the Principal appears large, it has really been much less, and the amount actually received has not been allowed him *merely* for the services which usually appertain to one occupying his position, but in consideration of a variety of circumstances not necessary to be mentioned in detail. Among these may be mentioned:—

(1.) The fact that the said sum, including all the outstanding indebtedness of the Institute, and the risks of all losses and expenses which may be sustained in the collection of the same.

These outstanding debts are estimated at about \$22,000.00, and of these the amount reported to us as known to be probably lost, is not less than from \$12,000.00 to \$14,000.00. What amount of the residue may be collected is involved in uncertainty.

(2.) The whole responsibility of the financial and internal management has been upon him. His personal credit has been used, and his resources have been taxed to the utmost to meet the exigencies of the case. The Board has not been able to command a dollar in aid of the Institute, except through the revenues of the school.

(3.) The amounts apportioned between the Principal and the Trustees annually, have been contingent upon the success of the school.

(4.) The amounts realized by the Principal have been, in large measure, used in the payment of the large debts contracted by the Trustees, and in this sense he has become creditor of the Board when other resources could not be commanded for the purpose of meeting their embarrassments.

The debt has been reduced during the last several years to some \$27,000.00, as appears by statements "A" and "B," and will be still further reduced this year by the sum of some \$4,000.00 or \$4,500.00, although this has been a year of extraordinary pressure.

(5.) It is believed that the future receipts will rather exceed this sum than fall below it, and that it is safe to conclude that the debt may be entirely extinguished in seven or eight (7 or 8) years, and sooner if an era of prosperity shall succeed that of the depression which has been upon us. An addition of fifty (50) more pupils would extinguish the debt in half that time.

(6.) The real estate in our possession we think may be fairly estimated, even in these times, at \$40,000.00, and the personalty at \$9,000.00.

(7.) If at the end of the time designated we shall be left in possession of property worth some \$50,000.00 *unincumbered*, we will not regard the labors of those who have been engaged in building up this Institute as being spent in vain.

(8.) So soon as we are sufficiently free from debt as to justify us in doing so, we contemplate such reduction in the expenses of pupils as can safely be made, and when we reach the point of absolute freedom in this respect, we propose to put the Institute upon the basis of the largest possible liberality towards its patrons.

Signed on behalf of committee,

JNO. S. MARTIN,

Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WESLEYAN FEMALE INSTITUTE.

Since our last annual report, the Wesleyan Female Institute has enjoyed a very encouraging degree of prosperity. While it has suffered in a measure from the financial embarrassments of the country, yet in the face of vast and varied difficulties now incident to every enterprise, the school has attained a success which affords strong assurance of enlarged usefulness and increasing prosperity for the future. We here forbear to speak of the grave responsibilities and varied trials its management has imposed on us for the last three years of national distress. But we cannot and should not forbear to speak with profound gratitude of the favor of God, by whom our school has been so signally guided and sustained through these years of trial, and to whom it is indebted for all the success it has ever achieved. Within the past few years embracing a financial crisis so disastrous to every public and private enterprise, the Institute has maintained a high state of organization, a full and efficient board of teachers, has met its current expenses, paid a debt of over (\$20,000,) twenty thousand dollars for new buildings, outfit, improvements, &c., and addition thereto, has paid several thousand dollars on the purchase debt of the property. For particulars in reference to the financial affairs of the Institute, we refer to the report of the Finance Committee, which is made to this Conference.

For the present session, we are pleased to report that the school maintains a very complete organization. That its literary departments are filled by a full and experienced corps of professors and teachers. The pupils are generally studious and attentive to duty, while a high moral tone and good religious feeling seem to pervade the entire school.

The number of boarding pupils enrolled for this session, is ninety-eight, (98,) and will probably reach one hundred. These pupils come from nearly all the Southern and Western States, including Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The success which the school has so far achieved in these trying times of general financial depression, without a dollar from any source other than its own earnings, ought to inspire the confidence of its friends, and secure the united support and sympathy of the Conference.

In conclusion, brethren, allow us to add, that it has ever been, and is now our purpose with your aid, under the blessing of God, to make the Wesleyan Female Institute the College of the Baltimore Conference, to turn it over to you free of debt, and fully equipped and prepared to fulfil its high and holy mission as a great seat of sanctified learning. To accomplish this purpose, to place this school on a high career of advancing usefulness as a great centre of christian learning, to make it redound to the welfare of the church and the glory of God, we commend it to your fervent prayers and cordial support.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. HARRIS.

March 7th, 1877.

Reports from Committees.

MEMOIRS.

REV. NORVAL WILSON.

It is not easy to write a memoir of one's self. Important facts are either quite forgotten or are indistinctly remembered. No satisfactory account therefore can be given of the current of life, inasmuch as no account can be given of the conditions which gave direction to it. Nor is this all; besides the fact that few men can hold the scales with an even hand, when their own character is in the balance, there are but few so disciplined to reflection as to be able to give more than a superficial sketch of themselves. Any analysis of motives, any exposition of principles is, to these, impossible. Facts they may give, but we vainly attempt to discover in anything they communicate the life within, or the character of the forces which have shaped and moulded the life we see. The difficulty is scarcely less when the attempt is made to write the life of another. A man may have become distinguished, but this was not foreknown, and none therefore cared to preserve *memorabilia* of a childhood and youth which to dull eyes showed no unusual promise. Later facts may be gathered, but who can tell how great achievements *are*? Who can not also tell under what disadvantages they were accomplished? Or, who can tell what abatement must be made from deeds of apparently conspicuous virtue? Who does not also know by what unworthy motives they were prompted? *Rev. Norval Wilson* might have written an autobiography. His early conversion, his life-long habit of self examination, his thorough honesty in all dealings with himself, his wide acquaintance with men, his literary tastes and culture, all fitted him, peculiarly for the work which now must be imperfectly performed by others. Yet there is, in this case, no want of material. In papers which now for the first time see the light, in a diary kept through a long series of years, and in volumes of sketches, many important facts and hints are contained. His foremost position in the church, his conduct in crises of her history and in times of peril, and his long official administration, furnish additional matter of much value. To edit this matter will be to serve the church, which never more honors itself than when it cherishes the memory of its holy men. An intimate acquaintance of many years will be no disqualification for this work, unless love and veneration unfit us to do justice, or a more perfect knowledge of the man make one a less competent interpreter of his life. The attempt will be made to paint a likeness which will be recognized and prized by those who knew him, and studied with interest by such as desire to learn the secret of his power. To accomplish this successfully, care will be taken not to found important conclusions upon what may be regarded as exceptional facts. There was a broad foundation for that lofty superstructure, and an experience of holiness which explains his ministry of power. Exceptional particulars may be left out of view, and still a character remains which we may well admire and need not be careful to defend.

The image of Brother Wilson will not soon be effaced from the minds of those who knew him. His tall, slender, slightly stooping figure; his thin and furrowed face; his strongly marked features; his fine eyes—clear, restful, penetrating, the mirror of an honest soul; his tremulous gait; these all are before us now; nor is it difficult to recall his rich, sonorous voice, calm in common discourse, quivering with intensity of conviction as he preached the gospel, and at times penetrating to the very soul, as he manifested the *exceeding sinfulness of sin*, fitly uttering that Word which “pierces to the dividing asunder of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” But we naturally inquire, what is known of his early life? Under what influences was his character formed? Were there indications in youth of the strength of his ripe manhood? What of his parentage, place of birth, religion, advantages and means of culture?

Bro. Wilson was born at Morgantown, Monongahela Co., Va., December 24, 1802. His father, Thomas Wilson, was a lawyer of acknowledged ability, who not only met the demands of a large practice, but also filled other conspicuous positions, serving as a legislator in his native Virginia; and in the Congress of the U. S. His ancestors were of the sturdy Scotch-Irish stock, who cherished the faith of their fathers with unchanging love. They were Presbyterians of the Presbyterians who held no Methodist in their line till the subject of this memoir was converted in 1819. In his independence, courage, reverence for the word of God, and other venerable traits, he was no unworthy representative of noble sires. It will be conjectured, that, in such a family, the advantages of culture would not be underrated; and accordingly we find the ample fortune of the father combined with his love of learning to secure to all the children the benefits of a liberal education. Proof is not wanting that the opportunities in one case at least, were well improved. Then was laid the foundation of that love of letters which strengthened with his strength. It is not too much to say that few of his coadjutors read as constantly or carefully, and as widely as he. While the study of Theology was prosecuted, both from convictions of duty and love of that divine science, he found time to explore other fields. His "diary" notes, the books which he read, notwithstanding the arduous labors of the itinerancy; History—civil and ecclesiastical, law, science, philosophy, form a partial catalogue of the studies in which he delighted.

At one time the study of law was prosecuted with a partially formed resolution to enter the profession of his father. But it is not difficult through all to discern his predominant love and admiration for the classics of Methodism, and especially for the sermons of Mr. Wesley. To the close of life he could not patiently endure any depreciation of them, and a criticism which intimated that they did well enough in their day, but were now superseded by the superior productions of late minds, was resented almost as if it had been a personal injury. No record has yet been found of the ministry or means by which the Holy Spirit wrought in him conviction of sin; but his own hand writes the date of "my" (his) "conversion in 1819," as already given. He was born of God at a camp-meeting, and some of his own mightiest victories were in after life won on fields like that whereon he was brought captive to Christ. His call to the ministry must have soon succeeded his conversion, as we find him admitted a Probationer in the Baltimore Annual Conference in 1821. Happily we are able to give in this connection important particulars from his own pen: "Jan. 9th, 1821. With the new year, events have transpired to me of the utmost consequence. Having been much exercised about working in the Lord's vineyard, I yet saw no way for me to proceed. I therefore judged it best to resign myself into the hand of the Lord, being assured that if He designed I should preach, He would clear my way. Accordingly I received a long letter from Daniel Hitt, the Presiding Elder of the Monongahela District, on the 27th of December, 1820, proving conclusively that it was my duty to engage immediately in the work of the ministry. I gave it to my father, asking him for his opinion. At first he made objections from my youth, but eventually remarked that if I conceived it to be my duty, he would not object. About the first of March I shall go to Baltimore to receive an appointment." Now begins his labor of love as an itinerant minister of the Lord Jesus; and under date January 14, occurs this entry: "I endeavored on the last night to preach a sermon for the first time. My text was Amos IV, 12—"Prepare to meet thy God"—"Strengthen thy servant O Lord." This first text was the key note of his life and work. His own constant care was to be ready to meet his Lord, and never did his warning voice falter in delivering his message to men. Be ready! be ready!! was his constant cry. The interval between the reception of Mr. Hitt's letter and the meeting of the Annual Conference, was not spent idly. He preached frequently; and we read such minutes as the following: "January 29th. Rode four miles from Morgantown, and preached from I John, iii, 7, 8. Two conversions and some convictions." "Jan. 24th. I am now eighteen years and one month old. It has been fifteen months since I embraced religion; since that time I have read the following books:" Here follows a list of forty volumes. In it are included Fletcher's Cheeks, 5 vols.; Paley's Evidences, 7 vols.; Milner's Church History, 3 vols.; Wesley's Sermons, 3 vols.; but the

list is too long to be transcribed. He felt deeply his insufficiency, and entered upon his work with prayer. It is not necessary to produce the many proofs of his humble dependence upon God. Two may be taken from points in his ministry separated by a space of years. As he enters upon the work of his first circuit, he writes, "O that the Lord would anoint me from on high, that I may be able to preach the gospel of Christ in the power and demonstration of the Spirit, and may see many souls soundly converted to Christ as seals of my ministry." At the Conference of 1840 he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Baltimore District, and thus writes: "Baltimore District, April. 1840. At the late Conference I received my appointment to preside over the Baltimore District. O Lord, my sufficiency is of Thee. As heretofore Thou hast graciously aided and blessed thy servant in his labors, so do Thou mercifully give grace and wisdom to discharge fully and with fidelity the various and onerous duties growing out of my present relations to the Church. To God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost be all glory, Amen."

The work of the Connellsville Circuit was not light; there was no "light work" in 1821, and none that could be *made light*. A few lines from the Diary will best illustrate this: "June 10—Rode twenty miles and preached in Mt. Pleasant, from Mark xiii, 37. Same evening, rode twenty-four miles to McAnnally's, and preached from II Tim. ii, 11, 12. June 11—Rode twelve miles to King's, and preached from Jno. iii, 3. June 12—Rode twelve miles to Fisher's, and preached from Mark xiii, 37. Same evening, rode four miles and preached from Mark viii, 36. June 13—Rode twelve miles to Stuart's and preached. June 14—Rode fourteen miles to J. Wakefield's and preached. June 16—Rode four miles to Bracken's and preached. June 17—Rode nine miles to Hopewell, and preached from I Cor. xv, 34. June 19—Rode twenty-four miles and preached at Miller's, from Jno. ix, 4. June 20—Rode eight miles to Trout's and preached. June 21—Rode five miles to McCue's, and preached from Acts xxvi, 28. June 22—Rode six miles to Ross', and preached from I Pet. iv, 17. June 23—Rode nine miles and preached. June 24—Rode eight miles to Greensburg, and preached from I Chron. xxviii, 9. June 25—Rode fourteen miles to Sloderback's and preached. June 26—Rode three miles to Wilson's and preached—one conversion. June 27—Rode eight miles to Shepherd's, and preached from I Pet. iv, 17." This extract must serve as a specimen, and as a specimen only. It would be easy to fill pages with similar accounts of labors which knew scarcely any intermission, and such labors were common in those days. The few aged men who linger among us, will see in this only a duplicate record of their own service, when first they buckled on the armor. But how, it may be asked, could sinners be brought to Christ, and the church enlarged under these unfavorable conditions? Would not any impressions made by preaching be speedily effaced by attrition with the world? How could the best results be gained, when the only opportunities for deepening convictions, were the *two-days meeting* and the *camp meeting*? The men who wrought were "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost." They were not afraid to trust the "seed" in the ground when they knew that it was God who gives the rain and the increase. More, they dared expect an immediate blessing on the word; and God honored their faith. The paragraphs which follow are instructive. "October 4—Rode eighteen miles to J. Wakefield's, and preached from 2 Pet. iii, 14. Five were added. Oct. 5—Rode eight miles to T. Wakefield's, and preached from Psalm LI, 10-13. One was added. Oct. 6—Rode six miles to a house near Bracken's, and preached from Jno. 1, 29. Two were received. Oct. 7—Received four into society at Hopewell." Left the Connellsville Circuit on April 5th, 1822. There were five hundred and forty-four members in society at the conclusion, making a net increase of seventy in one year. Our limits do not permit a minute account of the ministry of brother Wilson on the several circuits to which he was appointed. He begins the second year, or every year, with prayer, "O, may God make me more faithful and exemplary than heretofore, and give many souls as a seal to my ministry, amen!" Passing, as we must, many interesting items, we may well pause and read: "Conference lasted nine days. We had an agreeable time. There were several conversions in the city." April 1—Started for Conference at Winchester. Arrived there the 5th, after riding one hundred and thirty miles. Had a good time. Many were converted. Received

my appointment for the City of Baltimore. Took up my lodgings with J. Soule."

At the Conference of 1825, Bishop Soule presiding, he was re-appointed to Baltimore City, and resolves, "with humble reliance on God to proceed to the performance of duty," and closes the work of the second year with the minute: "The two years I have spent here, have been two of the most interesting of my life. God has brought me safely through, and my labor has not been altogether in vain in the Lord. I have also acquired many instructive lessons as well from my own experience and observation, as from the teaching of the Holy Ghost. O praise the Lord!"

His labors and the labors of his colleagues were not in vain. September, 1825, he writes: "a glorious revival has now broken out in Baltimore, both Town and Point, which I pray God may continue and extend far and wide." March, 1826, he was stationed at Ebenezer, Washington, D. C., and 1827 and 1828 at Georgetown. In April of the last named year, he writes: "the past has been a year of singular mercy to my soul. O may God make the present a year of great grace to myself personally, and also to the flock committed to my care."

June, 1826, brother Wilson was married to Miss Cornelia L. Howland, who, after a happy union of 47 years, preceded him to the heavenly country, April, 1873. March, 1829, he was appointed to Cumberland District. His thoughts are revealed to us in his prayer: "O Lord thou hast hitherto directed in my appointments, and signal have been the helps thou hast vouchsafed to me. Now that thou hast placed me in this, a still more public and probably perplexing station, mercifully grant me yet more of the wisdom which is from above, a deeply rooted concern for Thy cause and glory, and a fervent desire for the salvation of men. Grant me the bodily strength for the laborious services I am called to render, and the mental vigor, requisite for the clear and striking exposition of scriptural truth." Bodily as well as spiritual strength was needed for his new field. Having located his family in Winchester, he goes forth to his toil bearing precious seed. When the extent of the territory of the district, and the limited facilities for travel are remembered, we find reason to admire the zeal which could inspire and support the preachers of fifty years ago. "*April 25*—After riding 85 miles to Cumberland, preached from Rom. xii, 1. *May 1*—After riding 110 miles, preached in New Market, from Heb. xii, 14. *Sept. 12*—After riding 83 miles, preached at the Bedford camp meeting, held in Trough Creek, from Mat. vii, 7. *Sept. 17*—After riding 41 miles, preached at the quarterly meeting for "Clear Spring Circuit," held in Mercersburg, from Neh. iv, 6." Such zeal the more commands our admiration in view of the fact, that in the earlier years of his ministry, he was subject to violent hemorrhages, inso-much that himself and his friends often despaired of his life. At an Annual Conference, held in Washington, he was stationed in Alexandria. He writes: "The Lord has guarded me, upheld me, and in every respect been better to me than all my fears since I have been riding the district. May the same grace, the same Providence attend me in my present station. Lord help me to be abundant in labors, and grant me much fruit of my labors." His prayer was heard. August, 1832, "he records," a precious work of grace is now extensively prevailing among us. Within two months, more than 260 have been added to the church. To God be all the glory." April, 1833, he was re appointed to Baltimore; but his health became so feeble that he was "compelled to desist from preaching for two months." At the ensuing Conference, he asked for a circuit and was appointed to Jefferson, which then included, besides Shepherdstown and Harper's Ferry, three or four of the circuits of to-day. One who knew him well, says, "perhaps nowhere had he been more successful than in this circuit." It was during this term of service, that with a spirit of holy enterprise, he went into the streets of Shepherdstown and called sinners to repentance." *Sept. 10*—Rode ten miles to Shepherdstown, and preached in the open street, from Rev. xx, 11-13. *Sept. 14*—Rode ten miles to Shepherdstown, and preached in the open street, from Judges iii, 20" March, 1835, at a Conference held in Winchester, he was appointed to the Rockingham District, which then included Rockingham, Roanoke, Pocahontas, and intervening counties. The work was too laborious for his fragile body, though he perse-

vered in it till 1838, when he was relieved and appointed to Winchester station. He had entered upon the work of the Rockingham District with prayer, and he left it with thanksgiving. "Most devotedly I give thanks to God for my removal from the District, as I was unequal to the performance of its laborious duties." May, 1839, we find this entry: "The head of the church" has favored us with a revival. This week, 78 have been received into the church. March 29th, 1840, the close of his labors in Winchester, is thus noted: "Preached my last sermon from II Thes. v, 25, and thus ended two years of preaching, and, I trust, profitable labor in the Winchester station. God be thanked. Above 150 professed to find peace." March, 1840, the Conference assembled in Georgetown, and brother Wilson was appointed to the Baltimore District. But we need not follow him through all the details of his work during twenty years more of active service; and yet sixteen more, which, though not spent in the effective ranks, were nevertheless spent in going about doing good. Indeed, he could not be unemployed or triflingly employed. Such were his convictions of duty, such his love for Christ and souls, and such the habit of his life, that he must needs seek the straying and the lost. In Winchester, where he spent the closing years of his life, he went into the homes of the people, and reproved, rebuked, exhorted or comforted, as the occasion seemed to require; and from none did he withhold his services, whom he could approach with the hope of doing good. "The last winter of his life was spent in Washington City, and there he went into the homes of many a family, unknown to him, only that he might enquire into their spiritual state, and induce them to give attention to their eternal interests. He was a man into whose constitution Christianity was thoroughly incorporated. By the gospel, he tested everything." A man with his intellectual gifts, unusual cultivation, and confessed spiritual power, could "not be hid."

We have seen that he was appointed to the Presiding Eldership as early as 1829, when little more than twenty-six years old. In 1835, 1840, and again, 1851, he filled the same important office. He was a delegate to not less than seven General Conferences—to all that were held between the years 1828 and 1856, that of 1844 only excepted. He was in his 26th year, when elected to the General Conference of 1828. No one had been sent from the Baltimore Conference at so early an age, and it is believed that in this particular, no part of its history can furnish a parallel. The ministerial life of brother Wilson, covered profoundly interesting periods of our history as a church. During his term of service in Georgetown 1827, 1828, the "Radical" movement, so called, was at its height; certain brethren complained of the government of the church being so constituted and administered, as to exclude the local preachers, and the lay members from every sort of participation in their own government, as Methodists. These being fully persuaded that the representative form of church government is the more scriptural, best suited to our condition, and most congenial with our views and feelings "as fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God," adopted a constitution and form of government, and organized, November, 1830, the Methodist Protestant Church. The organization of this church, "in a country distinguished by representation and confederation," "upon principles of equality and mutual confidence, and in respectful reference to the undisputed excellence and value of those institutions," was not effected without controversy. Indeed, the strife was often bitter between the advocates of "mutual rights" and those who loved that form of ecclesiastical government, through which God had accomplished a work that was marvellous in their eyes. Brother Wilson was then young enough to have been led away with the opposition; he was wise enough to be content where he was, and with the church as it was, at least till more convincing proof was furnished than yet appeared, that "masterdom on one hand, and servitude on the other," was the relation of ministers and members in the M. E. Church. But with his positive convictions, he could not occupy negative or neutral ground. He contended earnestly for that polity which had been honored under Asbury, and had lost none of its effectiveness in his own day. Happily the days of the strife are ended; and time which softens so many asperities, or makes us to forget the past, has almost obliterated the traces of the war of '28. With the lapse of years, it has seemed good to incorporate into our own economy, several of the

modifications which had previously distinguished Protestant Methodism. But these changes were made by the preachers, while as yet there was no clamor from the laity for "representation," and as they were made without demand from the people, so they have been accomplished without friction or acerbity of spirit. The momentous troubles in Episcopal Methodism, which had their culmination at the General Conference of '44, placed the Baltimore Conference in a painful position. The history of this strife is too recent to have been forgotten by men yet in their prime; it is, therefore, not necessary to reproduce the sad details which many are now striving to forget. It is enough to say, though the conservative spirit of the Conference was sorely tried, it was never exhausted, and every effort made to force the body to take a new attitude, proved ineffectual. The action taken as early as 1845, was never repented. The pledges it gave, were in due time redeemed, and to-day a review of its relations to the exciting questions of a 30 year's war, leads to the conclusion that the Conference could not have done better, and on its own account has little to regret. Brother Wilson helped to shape the judgments of his Conference, and earnestly maintained and defended them. This he did when it was not cheap to be found their advocate. It would be easy to name times when he dared to assert his own convictions and become the champion of his brethren; times when the passions of men made it unsafe to appear in such a cause, or when the power of Cesar put personal liberty, if not life in peril. But his Roman nature had in it little of the "rascally virtue—prudence." He was bold, but not rash; he did not court danger, neither did he shrink from it if it lay in the path of duty. He threw himself into the breach when tried men would have wavered, and inspired other hearts with the example of his own courage.

At the close of the war, he appears unexpectedly in a new position. The Constitutional Convention of Virginia, was about to assemble in Richmond. Nearly all the persons who were qualified to represent the country, were ineligible by reason of participation in the war. Brother Wilson was nominated, and the fact duly communicated to him. He consented to serve, if elected; and then ("instant in season and out of season,") used the opportunity to admonish the gentlemen who bore to him the message, of their duties to God. But his position and service as a member of the convention, will be best related in the words of an honored associate. "Rev. Norval Wilson served as the member from Frederick county, in the State Convention convened in 1867, at Richmond, under the Act of Congress, for the purpose of framing a Constitution for the State of Virginia, in conformity with the reconstructive acts. Although advanced in years, and not in firm health, he devoted himself with laborious energy to his representative duties, and exhibited his accustomed clearness and strength of intellect in their discharge. His sound judgment, steady courage, and cheerful spirit, made him a valuable counsellor to the feeble minority of conservatives which sat in that famous conclave. Recognizing fully the sad wreck made by the war, of the true principles of Constitutional Government, he labored zealously to restore the civil system of Virginia upon the best attainable foundation, in view of the fanatical and hostile elements which encompassed the situation. It became the policy of the conservative members to delay the action of the convention, until the thorough organization of the conservative party could be secured and effected throughout the State. Mr. Wilson, who had been placed on the most important committee of the convention, rendered valuable service to this policy of delay, and displayed remarkable ingenuity and mental resource in detaining the majority of the committee from reporting the obnoxious plans to the convention. The wit, humor, skill, and consummate knowledge of human nature which he displayed in conducting this programme, were much enjoyed by his conservative colleagues." The year 1865, found him in Virginia where he had long resided, and soon the question of church relations demanded settlement. To say that this question was decided by the accident of residence, would be to reflect almost equally upon his mind and heart; would be to antagonize him to himself. Brief allusion has been made to his relation to the strife of dreary years. The Conference of 1861, was confronted by a stern necessity—it must redeem its pledges, or stand convicted of infidelity. The decision was soon made. Any one who will read the pastoral letter of that year, prepared by a committee of which brother Wilson

was a member, will easily forecast his future, and see that conviction, and not convenience, decided his course in after years. He was elected President of the Conference held at Bridgewater, March, 1864, and again of that held at Alexandria, March, 1866, when the body united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Conference of the last named year, gave another proof of its confidence in an old leader, and brother Wilson was sent as a delegate to the first General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which the Baltimore Conference had a representative.

But what were his characteristics as a preacher? What his qualities as a man, and as a christian? These particulars are not less important than those already given to many that possess a more absorbing interest. Those who heard brother Wilson preach only after physical weakness had diminished his energy of utterance, can conceive but in part, the wonderful power of his earlier ministry. True to the last, his strongly marked characteristics distinguished his preaching; but he could no longer utter the word as in the days when men trembled before it, and falling down confessed that Jesus Christ was Lord to the glory of God the Father. He preached "the word." He believed that the message he was to deliver was God-given. Few men have received more implicitly the commission "hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." He diminished not a word. His aim was to announce to the people the mind of the Spirit, under the full conviction that the Holy Ghost both knew the mind of the Father, and the condition and wants of men. It would have seemed strange indeed to him, if with a commission to deliver a certain message, he could have suppressed the message, and delivered only its suggestions or his inferences instead. This he could not do—this he did not do. How then, he would have asked, can man do the will of God if the command be suppressed, and some uncertain sound be uttered? It is not meant by this to say that he never entered the regions of speculation. This he sometimes did; but he never substituted guesses at truth for the known truth—never expressed *opinions* as he preached *The Gospel*. The latter he did with authority, as that for which he had divine warrant in the Holy Book and in his own commission. His active mind could not but stretch at times into the regions beyond. When the fire burned he spake with his tongue, and thus while evincing his own mental activity, he kindled, or quickened into flame the minds about him. His method was clear. His sermons were not written; and yet they were extemporaneous in no other sense than this: they were preached without elaborate verbal preparation. Sketches were carefully written, proof-texts were noted, also hints of illustrations, and both introduction and conclusion were briefly outlined. But this was only the beginning of the work of preparation—the scaffold for the building—the skeleton which was to be clothed with flesh, and annointed with the breath of life. He pondered, and the flesh came upon the bones; he prayed, and the Spirit breathed life into the body; he preached, and it was in demonstration of the Holy Ghost and with power.

A few moments sufficed to read the subject. This was done in a clear, brief statement, in well chosen words. He never constructed a house with a portico larger than the main edifice, or in disproportion to it. As he advanced in the discussion, he would slowly change his position, his figure becoming more erect, while occasionally the shoulders were thrown slightly back as if to expand the chest and prepare for the more forcible utterance of the thoughts that were struggling for expression. Gradually the whole person became animated; his glance more penetrating, his voice richer and more commanding. At first the words fell slowly from his lips, but now in quicker succession, yet never rapidly, and least of all with precipitation. Then the hands began to move in concert with the thought, and with a force and felicity of gesture unlike that of any one else, he spoke at once to the ear and to the eye. He seemed to look into the heart, and the clearness with which he saw what was in man communicated itself to his hearers.

They saw themselves; scales fell from their eyes, masks from their faces; and shrinking from the sight, they were driven into humiliation before God—into penitence and prayer. "His preaching was noted for its searching quality." He feared no faces. He shunned not to declare the whole counsel of God.

When Presiding Elder of the Potomac District he preached a sermon that went to the quick. The preacher who sat in the pulpit confessed—to use his own words—“that he never felt so mean in his life.” At the conclusion of the service he said: “Bro. Wilson, I am much obliged to you for preaching that sermon.” The reply was, “Yes, many men are much obliged to others for doing what they are afraid to do themselves.”

During the same term of service he preached in Washington city, and prefaced the sermon by reading as a lesson the 1st of Romans. The sermon was foreshadowed in the lesson. He exposed the iniquities of the city: he made his meaning known by calling things by their names: he scorned a euphemism that might leave his hearers in doubt of his meaning, or give color to a suspicion that he feared to say plainly what he intended. The “style” suited the man, and what might have seemed unfit from another, as uttered by him was felt to be only a just exhibit of sin, and led men to see their wickedness and to loathe it. Reference has been elsewhere made to a sermon preached at a camp-meeting in Fairfax county, Va. This was in the year 1851. The text was John xv, 26, and the subject, *The personality and divinity of the Holy Spirit: His mission: and His office and operations.* The first word was “On the doctrine of the Holy Ghost depends the existence of the Church—the salvation and fruit of its members.” Near the close he exclaimed “What a sublimity there is in the doctrine of the moral regeneration of the world by this potent energy! How should we felicitate ourselves on the visitation and influence of such an agent!” But who can fill the interval between the first sentence and the conclusion with a fit description? The Holy Ghost attested the truth of the doctrine; preachers and people wept and shouted. The influence was not limited to those who were near the speaker—the entire “circle” was baptized from above—perhaps for once it may be confessed, the people were *immersed* in the Holy Ghost.

The wife of a minister of another church rose from her seat at the head of the ground and shouted aloud. Those who were present cannot forget that day, though they cannot describe how God honored His word. The mention of the camp-meeting recalls an illustration of his courage and influence over even bad men. Some “rude fellows of the baser sort” made night hideous with their insane revelries. The “managers” were powerless to control them; as a last resort report was made to the Presiding Elder. Hastily dressing himself he confronted them, and raising his voice said “away with you! What do you mean by disturbing the rest of others? Go to your beds, and come here at five in the morning and hear that man of God, John Hersey, preach.” As he motioned them away with his hand the tumult ceased, and without further ado the disorderly fellows left the encampment.

Little has been said of the vehicle of his thoughts—the words in which his thoughts found expression. Few men have command of a richer vocabulary: his “style” was nervous, forcible, clear, always chaste, and often elegant. He had read the “Reformed Pastor,” and heeded the counsel, to consider as the most forcible expressions by which we may set the truth “home to men’s consciences and hearts.” The right words came at his bidding; even familiar truths gained in freshness as they appeared dressed in the unaccustomed garb of his pure diction. But of this more cannot be said; nor can we dwell at greater length upon the characteristics of his preaching; clear, and wonderfully incisive, he *realized* the truth for his hearers. He did not describe a picture which he had seen—facts of which he had heard. He enjoyed the vision of Divine verities, and as he gazed upon them, told the people *what he saw*. Holiness, law, sin, judgment were no longer mere abstractions; no longer questions to which his hearers sustained no relation of interest. As they listened men abased themselves, and cried, we have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now our eyes see Thee; wherefore we abhor ourselves and repent in dust and ashes.

Greatness is seldom disfigured by petty arts and airs. When, therefore, his qualities as a man are recited, a first place in the list, must be assigned to his unaffected simplicity. If a question were asked in relation even to subjects which he had made a life-long study, the answer was given with a modesty the farthest

removed from dogmatism. In public assemblies, when a more positive manner was necessary, there was nothing to intimate a claim to infallibility, and no suspicion crossed the minds of those who heard, that he contended only for the mastery. But it was at his own fireside, or in the circle of friends that this charm of his character was most impressive. The company might be young; might be his own children; but if any discussion arose, all were heard and answered with respect, and no attempt ever made to decide anything by his mere *dictum*, or to belittle an argument by ridicule. How have I seen him debate with the young; answer with reason what they could bring to support their position; and enjoy, with a hearty laugh, any point or reply made at his expense or discomfiture.

His charity equalled his simplicity; his conversation was of subjects, not persons. What he had to say to the disadvantage of another was drawn out by convictions of duty; but not even then in private, with the whispered charge not to repeat. He spoke in the audience of the person whose conduct he disapproved, or at least so publicly that all might hear. It is probably true that no one who may read these lines will be able to recall an exception to what is here affirmed. It must not, however, be supposed that his charity forbade great plainness of speech; or that he did not tell men of sin and wrong, because the announcement would cause them pain. Feeble natures have commonly slight convictions; but when men see clearly, and feel deeply, it must be expected that the expression of convictions will be correspondingly strong. It is this that will harmonize his character, and remove misconceptions of it, if any have judged him to be harsh. Bro. Wilson was gentle; upon the weakness of our nature he looked with extenuation; but what he believed to be wilfully wrong moved him to rebuke sharply. There are men who, seen from a distance, attract by their suavity, but when approached repel by their selfishness; others cannot gain the love they deserve till intimately known. Many men saw brother Wilson only in public; heard him, it may be, only when the occasion demanded severity. These could not know him. John Baptist was probably not more severe in aspect; John, the beloved, not more gentle in fact.

It is no small proof of this that no one more heartily espoused the cause of young men; in him they always had a sympathizing friend, a judicious counsellor, and an able and earnest advocate. He was a man of philosophic temperament, taking rational, and what might at times seem to be stoical views of life. But his seeming stoicism was a result of his faith. To him God was in everything and over all. Therefore it was, he bore uncomplainingly any sorrow; in his view all things worked together for good to them who love God; to them who are called according to His purpose. It was this that enabled him to be calm in the work of the council-room, and hopeful, if such dispositions were not made of men as he preferred. He could believe that God could make the weak things confound the mighty, and the best results follow from seemingly inadequate causes, or an inauspicious beginning. It was this that saved him from elation when affairs were in position to excite hope, and saved him from depression when all things seemed against the cause he loved so dearly. But why attempt a full delineation of the man in these limits? His simplicity, charity and faith suppose other graces; sincerity, love and trust are only part of a glorious company, and draw after them whatsoever is lovely and of good report.

It is not possible to dissociate wholly one's religious from his natural character; but something must now be said specifically of the former. Reference has already been made to his conversion. This was so clear that no doubt seems at anytime to have been raised that the work had been thoroughly wrought. There is nowhere an intimation that he did not constantly walk in the light of God's countenance, yet he was modest in profession. Indeed, seldom did he make any positive declaration of his relation to God as a justified sinner. The holiness of God was ever before him as a vital fact; he ever felt humbled in the presence of that Infinite Purity; he dared only to speak the praises of God's matchless mercy. But when he did testify it was with no uncertain sound. Not long before his death he exhorted the people of Winchester to turn to God and live; he was earnest and solemn, as always; "a line," said he, "is drawn through this congregation—on the one side are the saved, on the other are the lost. *I am among the saved*; where are you?" His spiritual life was nourished by constant

prayer; in the closet he renewed his strength; there he furbished the sword which gleamed and flashed, and pierced 'till the slain covered the field. Those who heard him approach God in public must have felt that he had learned how to enter The Presence by oft converse in secret places. There was no formal preliminary; no use of stereotyped phrases; nothing of *gradual approaches*. To him God was nigh; God was attentive; God was ready. He asked without circumlocution for what he desired; he talked as a man with his friend; and yet the reverent tone, and the weighty words, testified of his sense of the glory of the Infinite Majesty in the heavens.

The word of God was his daily food; and doubtless its influence upon his spiritual life was only less than his constant commerce with the skies in prayer. He esteemed the Statutes of the Lord more than his necessary food. During the first twenty years of his ministry, though filled with the labors of an active itinerancy, he read the Old Testament fourteen times, and the New Testament twenty-five times. An exercise which he constantly practiced was religious meditation, and this not directly as a preparation for the pulpit, but for his personal, spiritual improvement. No doubt, in those hours of seclusion and thought, he had oftentimes visions of God, and from the "Mount of Communion" bore with him, as he appeared before the people, the lustre of the Holy One upon his face.

Enough has been written to indicate the sources of his power; but a word must be added to account for the highly intellectual character and rich variety which marked his discourses. His talents were of a high order; but let it not be thought that what he accomplished was the easy effort of genius. A note has been made of the reading of the first few months of his religious life. In the same minutes which records his repeated readings of the Scriptures during twenty years, we find these additions: "Besides, I have read 347 vols.; I have traveled in that time 30,943 miles, and preached 2,858 sermons. There is but a partial record of conversions; this record is on high. I am an unprofitable servant.

"I the chief of sinners am,
But Jesus died for me, Amen!"

Throughout his diary, on almost every page, we read "finished reading"—"finished reading the second time." There is not a single note of a book begun and not read. Probably there were such—books that were found on examination not to deserve the time a careful reading would require; but the record always is "finished." These books were generally weighty in character—such as would exercise, improve and inform the mind. He expected to succeed by *inspiration*, but he only then expected the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, when he had furnished his mind by reading, and methodized his thoughts by study and prayer. Perhaps nothing will more fully indicate the spirit of his life and work than a paper found after his decease, in which he records his formal consecration to God. "O very merciful and gracious Father, from Whom I have received my being and my blessings, I have been unbelieving and refractory. Though many years ago I received forgiveness of sins as an act of Thy grace, and though I have often felt it a duty to make a solemn and entire dedication of myself to Thee, yet has my wayward heart hesitated and refused. I repent before Thee, and though weak and trembling, I now propose, invoking the aid of Thy grace to assist, to enter upon an act of self consecration, (which I now do,) and I beseech Thee, in consideration of my great Daysman, accept the offering. Here then I present to thee my soul, embracing my intelligence and my passions; my body, including the exercise of its members and its appetites; my heart, with its varied emotions; my time, my substance, my all, purposing to restrain my passions; to refrain from every word, work, thought, being incompatible with . . . as a consecrated child of God. I purpose henceforth to be solely intent on Thy glory, and subject to Thy will, and to lead a life of faith in the *Son of God Who loved me, and gave Himself for me*. Graciously accept my person, and powerfully maintain me in this holy and earnest consecration, through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit. Now unto the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be glory forever.

Winchester, Va., July 16, 1846.

NORVAL WILSON.

I herewith append my faith that God . . . of promise *does*, does accept the offering, and deigns . . . that I am now and altogether His, having my life in God. Praise God for His sovereign, unsearchable grace.

N. WILSON.

The above act of consecration renewed with hearty gratitude to God, April 29, 1850.

Alexandria, Va.

N. WILSON.

With devout thanksgiving and prayer, I *again consecrate myself* to God. Amen.

Ingleside, Feb. 8, 1854.

N. WILSON."

The paper is much worn—a few words cannot be "made out;" but enough is legible to teach the important lesson that God works through those who give themselves to Him—that because our venerated brother and friend had thus surrendered himself to God, therefore He employed him as a chosen vessel to shew forth his glory.

The opinion of one of his oldest friends confirms all that has been said. "In addition to the memoir which you propose to write, I think his lovely life of usefulness and peculiar traits of character would justify a volume for the edification of the church, and the emulation of the present and future generations."

"I formed the acquaintance of Bro. Wilson in the year 1827, when under his ministrations and the labors of other Methodist ministers, I commenced my religious life. From that time to the day of Bro. Wilson's death—nearly 50 years—I was more or less intimately associated with him, and especially for six of the most eventful years of our church's history in this region of country, when Bro. Wilson was my pastor and Presiding Elder. I will not say that, in my judgment, he was faultless, but I do unhesitatingly say, that for purity of purpose, for inflexible Christian and personal integrity, for intrepidity and moral courage in defence of the church and what he believed to be right, I have rarely, if ever, seen his peer . . . and I do not believe Martin Luther would have occupied his position with more self-abnegation and valor. During these trying times he discharged all the duties of the pulpit and of his pastoral office, with eminent ability and fidelity."

But his life on earth has ended. How did it end? The last few years of his life were years of weakness—occasionally for days together he would be so much debilitated, that the common employments with which he filled the hours had to be put aside; but it was not till the last summer that the signs of a steady decline appeared. The excessive heat of July greatly oppressed him, and on the first Sunday of that month he was compelled to leave the church during the service, and betake himself to his bed. The prostration was great, and increased to an alarming degree. He became eager to go to the country, and was removed to the residence of brother Jas. M. Brown, about two miles from Charlestown. Under the influence of the change he revived, and seemed to be greatly benefited. He was cheerful and contented, and spoke of the great pleasure he had from the quiet of the country, and the beautiful scenery which begirts the home of his friend. Soon, however, it became apparent that his enfeebled body could not long resist the advance of death. His children gathered about him—one, a daughter, leaned over him, and in a voice choked with sobs sung, "Jesus lover of my soul." Ceasing to sing, she asked "Do you think he noticed?" He answered for himself, and requested her to continue singing. He inquired for his son, Dr. A. W. Wilson, and knew and spoke to him, and to another daughter when they reached his bedside. "He was unable to speak for nearly two days before he died; but the habit of his life, and his expression in anticipation of his end, were sufficient assurance of the result. To his son-in-law he said 'I trust in the dying hour, I shall give an example of resignation that shall be a comfort to those who are left behind. Eternity is just before me. In all the struggle,'—and there his mind failed for the time, and the sentence was never completed. To brother Ferguson, in response to his inquiry if he wanted anything, he said "I want to go home." His last distinct saying, doubly dear to his family, because 24 years before, in this same month of August, his second daughter, a lovely girl just coming to mature life, passed away with the same words upon her lips. They are at home. His family is broken up for a time. The majority is on the other side. But all who remain are looking toward their home."

Wednesday, August 9th, 1876, Bro. Wilson fell asleep. Friday morning at 7 A. M., a very solemn service was conducted in Charlestown, by Rev. Mr. Hopkins of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Huntington, (Baptist) from Columbia College, Washington, D. C. The final services were conducted in Winchester, at which a deeply interesting and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Regester, Presiding Elder of the District, wherein brother Wilson had so long resided; and then the remains, attended by every minister of every denomination in the town, and a large concourse of citizens, were borne to their burial in the cemetery, and deposited between the graves of his devoted wife and son.

Bro. Wilson is not presented in this sketch as a man perfect in character—there are none such. He was doubtless not infallible in judgment, nor wholly free from other weaknesses and imperfections of our nature. He was such a man as is not often given to bless the world; he might have adopted Paul's words: "By the grace of God I am what I am; and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." If there is another side of his character and life, and that must be presented, the work is left to be done by those who are conscious of a perfection which knows no flaw, and who may, therefore, sketch the imperfections of another, without any uneasy convictions that in so doing they condemn themselves, and without any apprehension that their censure may recoil to their own shame. "This is all we can now say. The veteran is at rest. Crowned and robed, he has entered into the presence of Him for whom he battled so long on earth, and from whom he has received the plaudit, 'well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' 'He being dead, yet speaketh.' Such a life has in it a power that never dies. The most precious legacy that one can leave the church is a life of purity, and a death of peace and hope. Such a legacy this venerable father leaves to his sons in the gospel. May they follow him as he followed Christ."

The appointments of Bro. Wilson were as follows: 1821, Connellsville; 1822, Chartiers; 1823, Westmoreland; 1824-5, Baltimore; 1826, Ebenezer, Washington, D. C.; 1827-8, Georgetown, D. C.; 1829 and '30, Cumberland District; 1831-2, Alexandria; 1833, Baltimore; 1834, Jefferson Circuit; 1835-7, Rockingham District; 1838-9, Winchester; 1840-3, Baltimore District; 1844-5, Wesley Chapel, Washington, D. C.; 1846-7, Winchester; 1848-9, Fredericksburg; 1850, Alexandria; 1851-5, Potomac District; 1855-6, East Baltimore; 1857-8, Jefferson Circuit; 1859, Harper's Ferry. In 1860 his relation was changed to supernumerary and afterwards to superannuated, in which he continued till his death.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop George, April 20th, 1823.

He was ordained Elder by Bishop Soule, April 10th, 1825.

He was a member of the General Conference at Pittsburg, 1828; Philadelphia, 1832; Cincinnati, 1836; Baltimore, 1840; Pittsburg, 1848; Boston, 1852; Indianapolis, 1856; Buffalo, 1860; New Orleans, 1866.

A letter received from Bishop Keener, a few days ago, contains nothing additional to what has been presented, but fully confirms all the facts and opinions of this sketch. It is as follows:

NEW ORLEANS, March 1st, 1877.

REV. S. RODGERS, D. D.

My dear Brother—Your letter, asking such contribution as I might be able to make toward a just estimate of the character and power of that man of God, the Rev. Norval Wilson, I have felt unable to answer. I thought at first, when the news of his death reached me, that I would write to his son simply a tribute of love or admiration for his father, as I had remembered him during thirty-five years. But, when I sat down to re-produce to my own mind that wonderful harmony of parts which from the pulpit had so mastered or stirred my heart in Light Street Church, and all the goodly people who worshipped there, I found that I could call up the impression, the commanding form, the weighty manner,

the even, ever flowing utterance, the full loud speech, but scarcely anything sufficiently accurate to be of worth, as respects the preacher himself. I thought then, that taking him altogether, he was the first among the many effective men who were planting Methodism in Baltimore.

When the General Conference of 1866 convened in this city, I was curious to see, or hear him again, that I might compare him with my memory of him in his zenith. He concluded a service in Carondelet Street with prayer. I recollected what a man of prayer he used to be, and listened. The first sentence of all the sentences, for they flowed as a river of God, was full of soul, of spiritual light, and appealing power. The words of scripture, or the words of a man who knows God, poured upward in their mighty confluence. Faith strengthened every conception. Nothing common or feeble found place there. There was a gradual or steady closing up of Heaven and earth, until all, the every thought, or sentiment, mingled in a sense of fellowship of high communion with the Father of our spirits. His words were more than half inspired. The Spirit's grace had permeated his brain, and choice of words, and the nice sense which he had of the finer resources of speech, were used to kindle every faculty of the inner man into a glowing devotion.

He was blessed with the ability to weigh words to an uncommon degree; but nothing in his manner gave intimation of the process; for he spake with much ease, and never wanted the exact word, no, not for an instant. It fell into place as coins from the mint. His regular movement of speech was not disturbed by warmth of sentiment, but in the most impassioned moment of his discourse there was a rhythmic march that gave unity to the whole, or wielded it with unrelenting force. His rate of speed never surpassed his thought, and in this he was not unlike another great pulpit orator of the same city or period—the Rev. Dr. Stockton.

His strength lay in a sound unambitious treatment of his theme, holding to the middle current of evangelical exegesis. He vitalized or reproduced the original power of those formulas of death or life which hold eternity in their syllables. There were in the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament all the words of argument, truth, or illustration that he needed, or as I remember he rarely went outside of the Bible for matter. The unction of the Holy One was his afflatus, and there remained to his audience no room for criticism. His perorations were an abandon of spiritual or mental power in fullest sympathy with the truth, or with those to whom he delivered it, subdued by the habitual reverence of his soul for his Lord and Master. They seemed to me irresistible. I was then scarcely a member of the Church, and but imperfectly appreciated the privilege of hearing so great a preacher.

If you can make anything out of these faint lines in reproducing the portrait of so noble a person, I hope that you will freely use them.

With much love to your family, I am most truly yours in Christ,

J. C. KEENER.

REV. JASON P. ETCHISON.

Jason P. Etchison was the youngest child of Ephraim and Ruth Etchison, and was born in Montgomery County, Maryland, on the 22d of September, 1820.

In his early life he was made acquainted with privation and trial. When about nine years of age he was left fatherless, and the support of a large family, with limited means, devolved upon his mother and her sons. He enjoyed such educational advantages as were furnished at that time by the obscure rural neighborhood in which he lived. In the 17th year of his age he was converted to Christ in the old Mt. Lebanon church, near his home, and became a member of the Methodist Communion. This was the beginning of a consecrated Christian life, which seemed always to grow deeper in its experiences, and richer in its fruits of holiness.

From the time of his conversion, Bro. Etchison felt that God was calling him into the gospel ministry. It was an ever-deepening impression upon his heart, that unto him had the dispensation of the word of life been committed. But, with that diffidence and distrust of his own abilities, which were such marked features of his character, he hesitated to avow his convictions to his brethren in the church. He felt that his knowledge and mental training were not sufficient to justify him in undertaking the sacred and difficult work of the ministry. In the meantime he was united in marriage to Miss Annie Warthen, a lady whom he had known from childhood. But the claims and interests of his earthly home could not divert his attention permanently from the great duty toward which it had been divinely directed. The exercises of his mind upon this subject finally became painful even to agony. God was thrusting him out to do the work appointed him. And at last, with much fear and trembling, and with a single-hearted dependence upon Him who has said to them that go forth in his name, "Lo! I am with you alway," he offered himself for admission into the ranks of the itinerant Methodist ministry.

He was employed for one year by Rev. N. J. B. Morgan, P. E., upon the Patapsco Circuit; at the close of which time he was received on probation into the Baltimore Annual Conference. His subsequent appointments were as follows: 1852-3, Lexington Circuit; 1854-5, Blue Sulphur; 1856-7, Levelton; 1858, Frankford; 1859-60, Rehoboth; 1861-2, Fairfield; 1863-4-5, Fincastle; 1866-7, Baltimore Circuit; 1868-9, East Baltimore Station; 1870, Baltimore Circuit; 1871-2-3, Salem; in 1874-5 he was superannuated; in 1876 he was appointed to Arlington and Pikesville.

For a number of years his health was feeble, and his physical sufferings sometimes extreme. But, under these heavy disabilities, he continued to prosecute his work with unabated zeal and signal success. The urgency of his love to the church and the souls of men, would not allow him to cease from his labors until he should rest in Heaven. Even during his superannuated term, up to the measure of his ability, he preached and exhorted, and even beyond his ability did he strive, "that by all means he might save some." Notwithstanding his shattered health, he entered upon the duties of his last charge with his accustomed earnestness and devotion, and with the prospect of abundant usefulness. But his work was done. On the 1st of May, 1876, he fell sick of pneumonia, and on the last day of the same month found a sweet release from all suffering and toil. During his illness he was able to converse with his friends very little, but the testimonies which he gave them were the same calm, clear, joyous utterances with which all who knew him were familiar—unwavering confidence in God, and conscious victory through the blood of the Lamb.

Bro. Etchison was a man greatly beloved. No minister of our Conference ever won a more general appreciation or warmer personal friends among his ministerial brethren, and in the congregations to which he ministered; and the tidings of his death awakened a sense of bitter loss in very many hearts.

It would be difficult to speak in extravagant terms of our brother's Christian character. We do verily believe that he enjoyed, while he went in and out among us, preaching the Kingdom of God, what he has since received in its heavenly fullness, the blessedness of the pure in heart. He loved God and his brother-men. He lived for others. He was far from seeking place, preferment, ease, the applause of men; his purpose was purely to "do the work of an evangelist, and make full proof of his ministry." He was as humble as he was faithful and diligent, magnifying his office not by talking of the sacrifices he had made, or the good deeds he had wrought, but simply by doing "what he could."

As a pastor, Bro. Etchison was affectionate, full of sympathy, and attentive. His sermons were clear, plain, scriptural presentations of gospel truth, and were delivered with great earnestness and unction. He felt the gospel which he preached—felt it tenderly and deeply—and longed, with an inexpressible longing, to impart its saving truths to all who heard him. In prayer and exhortation he was singularly touching and impressive. A large number of souls were brought to the cross through his efforts; a multitude were guided and comforted in the way of life. And we rejoice in the assurance that he is dwelling now in

the Savior's presence, with many souls to whom he ministered upon earth. "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat, for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

May we not ask, What heart is not charmed with the beauty of such a life as that of our sainted brother? How elevated its motives; how deep its consolations; how rich its results; how sweet its reward! We thank God upon every remembrance of him, and humbly trust that his example may be an inspiration to us amid the activities of our life and ministry, and that we shall see him again in "the joy of our Lord."

HENRY CLAY PITZER.

Rev. Henry Clay Pitzer, son of John L. and Harriet A. Pitzer, was born in Covington, Alleghany county, Virginia, September 22d, 1844; was converted in the same town, March, 1857; departed this life in Union, West Virginia, February 8th, 1877, and was buried in Covington, February 10th.

He was licensed to preach by the Rev. W. G. Coe, in his native town, April 10th, 1871, and employed by his Presiding Elder as a colleague to the lamented R. S. Shreve, on Monterey Circuit. March, 1872, he was received on trial in the Baltimore Conference, and returned to the same field. After two and a half years of very acceptable and successful service on that Circuit, he was in March, 1874, admitted into full connection and ordained Deacon by Bishop Doggett, and appointed to White Sulphur Station. March, 1875, after a year of faithful work and thorough consecration to the important interests of our Church at White Sulphur, he was appointed to take charge of Union Circuit. March, 1876, he was ordained Elder by Bishop Marvin, and re-appointed to Union Circuit.

March, 1874, he was married to Miss Sallie H. Pettigrew, of Lexington, Virginia, who, with two little children, survives him.

The personal life of Bro. Pitzer, was beautiful and exemplary. "He was always a good child," is the testimony of those who knew him during the early portion of his life; he gave his heart to God, and received the assurance of pardon, when a little over 12 years of age; his conversion was clear and satisfactory; his experience deep and abiding; his ministerial life also was beautiful and exemplary; here again his conviction of duty was clear and convincing. The presence of the Apostolic saying, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel," was to him the voice of Christ—to hear was to obey—he gave himself wholly to the ministry.

The people of the several pastoral charges where he labored, and his co laborers, are witnesses of his consecration and devotion to his work. His zeal was quenchless and tireless. Success and prosperity attended him in all his charges. Sinners were convicted, converted, saved. Believers were encouraged, strengthened, edified. He was affectionate in his nature; warm, true, unselfish; sound in doctrine, firm in discipline; blameless in life; worthy and well qualified in every part of ministerial and pastoral work. As a preacher, he was clear, forcible, pathetic; a sweet singer, and faithful laborer at the altar.

Sunday night, January 21st, after the usual labors of the day, having preached twice, found him at his appointment in Union—a revival was in progress. On Monday night again, although the day was one of languor and feebleness, he was still standing at his post. Tuesday, in the hands of a physician, yet he preached at night. Wednesday, still under medical treatment and growing worse, hardly able to stand alone, yet he managed to get to the church and preached—what proved to be his last sermon. After preaching, he labored at the altar; closed the service with an able and earnest exhortation, and returned to the parsonage to take his bed and to die.

After a few days of great suffering the disease attacked his brain; he became unconscious, and never had a lucid moment afterwards. February 8th, 1877, about 2 o'clock, P. M., he fell asleep in Jesus.

On Sunday, the 10th, his Presiding Elder, Rev. W. G. Coe, preached his funeral sermon in Covington, Virginia, to a large congregation of weeping friends, from 2d Timothy, 4th chapter, 6th and 8th verses. In these words we all read the past fidelity, the readiness for death, and the glorious immortality of our beloved, departed brother. "He ceased at once to work and live."

CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Commission here representing the Virginia Annual Conference, report:

That after an examination of the Preamble and Resolutions of the Virginia Conference, as well as the representations made by the chairman of their Commission, they can only recommend that this Conference do not favor, at this time, a division of its territory or change in its present boundaries.

A separation of the Maryland from the Virginia work, would at this time be disastrous. The presence of a strong and well organized Conference on the Northern boundary of our Church, we view of paramount importance.

Reasons for this are suggestive to every member of this body familiar with our operations for the last ten years. We do not deem it necessary now to present these in detail before this Conference.

We are convinced that it would be best, in view of all the interests of Southern Methodism within our territory, that the boundaries of our Conference remain unchanged until such time that the body shall be divided, and two Conferences be formed out of it—the relative boundaries of the two Conferences to be agreed upon and recommended by this body to some future General Conference.

We are not impressed that such recommendation and division should be contemplated at the next General Conference, but at some subsequent General Conference.

But your Committee feel free to say, that any plan looking to a separation of one or more districts of this Conference, to be united with some other, would not in their judgment promote the harmony and prosperity of our work. Rather than such a calamity, as we would view it, we would recommend as an alternative far preferable, whenever it may be proposed, an equitable division of our present Conference territory, and a distribution of the present number of preachers, into two Conferences.

In behalf of the Committee,

JNO. S. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

JOINT COMMISSION OF THE M. E. CHURCH AND THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

The Committee appointed to give expression to the sense of this Conference in relation to the action of the Joint Commission of the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South, present the following:

The facts requiring note may be briefly summed up in general statement, as follows:

After many years of divided interest, non-intercourse and repellant attitude, the two great bodies of Episcopal Methodism, in their respective General Con-

ferences, determined to refer all questions in dispute between them to a Joint Commission for final settlement.

Commissioners were selected from various sections of the two Churches, representing all the various opinions and sentiments of both, who met at Cape May in the month of August last, and after careful and solemn deliberation, under a deep sense of their responsibility to God and their Churches respectively, and in evident contemplation of the probable effect of their action upon the interests of the Church of God at large, with unbroken unanimity reached conclusions violating no settled theory or principle of either Church, honorable to both, in complete accord with the spirit of our Christianity, and promising a future of peace and success to our common Methodism.

It is needless to dwell in detail upon the result now so well known to both Churches. The significance of the transaction may be found :

First, in that it is an authoritative and final settlement of all the questions which for more than thirty years have served to irritate two sister Churches, and provoked them to the maintenance of unfriendly, if not positively hostile attitude toward each other. No question can arise out of the strifes and contentions of the past upon which the highest and supreme authority of the two Churches, expressed in the action of the Joint Commission, is not exerted.

Secondly, in that all the rights and claims of property were by the same high authority adjudicated in the spirit of reciprocal justice and, we may say, generosity, guarding all the true interests of both Churches, with none of the narrow subservience to technical forms, and none of the low selfishness so commonly predominant in the adjustment of such cases.

It would be mere affectation in us to assume indifference to the advantages accruing to our own Conference, from the settlement thus made. We have peaceable possession of property long in dispute, and deliverance from oppressive and expensive litigation which threatened to be a heavy drain upon the resources of our people.

But this is a small boon compared with the priceless value of the moral and religious element contained in the fact.

Thirdly, that this Joint Commission was able to find deep down beneath the surface, rent and seamed by long discords, a solid and unimpeachable basis of fraternal agreement—the oneness in Christ and the substantial identity of all true Methodisms. The truth is once for all recognized that *Christ is all and in all*; and that every Church holding the Wesleyan doctrine, experience and discipline, constitutes an integral and genuine member of the great Methodist body. The old antagonisms are henceforth substituted by frank, mutual recognition and generous rivalry in the common work of spreading scriptural holiness over these and all lands; therefore,

Resolved, that we render thanks, first of all, to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the work of whose gracious Spirit, the way to Christian brotherhood has been indicated, obstructions have been removed, and the hearts of the Churches have been turned towards each other.

That we will hold in honor the members of the Joint Commission to whom, under God, we are indebted for a consummation so hopeful to the future of both Churches.

That we hold ourselves bound by the action of the Joint Commission, and will “endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,” and in the pursuits of our common work, will rejoice in the co-operation of those especially who follow in the footsteps of our founder whose “parish was the world.”

That we hereby express our sense of the great loss sustained by Methodism, and particularly by our own Church, in the translation of the Chairman of our Commission, Rev. Edward H. Myers, D. D., to his reward, so soon after the achievement of this result so dear to his heart and so earnestly sought. Mourning his departure, we, nevertheless, rejoice in his heroic devotion to his Church, and will cherish the memory of his self-sacrifice as a splendid illustration of the power of the Glorious Gospel of the Son of God.

G. H. ZIMMERMAN, *Sec'y.*

A. W. WILSON, *Chairman.*
SAM'L RODGERS,
JESSE B. WILSON,
PATRICK HAMILL.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The Committee on the *Publishing Interests* of the Church respectfully submit the following : Through the communication of Dr A. H. Redford, Agent of the *Southern Methodist Publishing House*, located at Nashville, Tennessee, and the address of the Bishops touching the same, we learn, with profound regret, that the establishment is at this time suffering under a great financial embarrassment. And as the establishment is the property of the whole Church, and is indispensable to its welfare, we recommend to the Conference the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That we concur with the Bishops in their plans for the relief of the Publishing House, found in their address to the ministers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. *Resolved*, That the ministers of the Conference be and are hereby directed, some time in April or May following, to take up a collection in their respective congregations for the relief of the *Publishing House*, and that the amounts be forwarded immediately to the Agent at Nashville.

3. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Conference that the Sunday School periodicals of our Church, published at Nashville by the authority of the General Conference, should be used in our Sunday Schools in preference to any and all others, and that we will use all our influence to this end.

4. *Resolved*, That we most earnestly request both ministers and laymen throughout the bounds of the Conference to aid the Publishing House, as far as practicable, by purchasing its publications, and in the circulation of the same.

5. *Resolved*, That the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, so ably edited by Rev. T. O. Summers, D.D., and which is the chief official organ of the Church, is in every way worthy of patronage, and we heartily recommend its circulation.

6. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference and the Church are due Rev. A. H. Redford, D.D., for the great personal sacrifices he has made in the interest of the Publishing House, and that we express our confidence, both in his integrity and ability, as the Agent of the establishment.

BALTIMORE EPISCOPAL METHODIST.

Your Committee recognize the importance of a local organ, loyal to the interests of Southern Methodism, commanding the united and hearty support of our preachers and people; and without any purpose of taking official cognizance of the past history of the Baltimore Episcopal Methodist, we do not hesitate to express our gratification with the present management of the paper, and our confidence in the business integrity and editorial ability with which it is conducted. And being assured of the amplitude of the financial resources, soundness of the business policy, as well as the ability and religious character of its proprietors and editor, we heartily endorse the Baltimore Episcopal Methodist, and recommend it to the patronage of our people.

Furthermore, in order that we may realize the nearness of this paper to us, and to reach over it both our friendly authority and protection, we recommend the appointment of an editorial committee, to consist of three members of this body, whose names we respectfully submit for confirmation, viz: Rev. Samuel Register, D.D., Rev. Samuel Rodgers, D.D., and Rev. John A. Kern.

SOUTHERN QUARTERLY REVIEW.

The Committee not only accepts with pleasure into their consideration this publication of Dr. A. T. Bledsoe, but finds unmingled satisfaction in the belief that it deservedly ranks with the highest literature of our day; and from this ready concurrence upon its religious and literary merit, we most cordially commend it to the thinking people of our Church as worthy, and eminently so, their favor and patronage.

J. C. DICE, *Chairman*.

THOS. E. CARSON, *Secretary*.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to offer the following report :

RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE,

The oldest of all our Colleges, and in an eminent degree the mother of them all, has the first claim upon our sympathy and support. From its establishment, well nigh half a century since, excepting the period of the war, it has not ceased to send forth young men from its halls, trained under the most favorable auspices of sanctified learning, into the various walks of life, eminently fitted for its most responsible positions. They have rendered invaluable service in every department of our work, and reflected honor in every rank of our ministry. They have creditably filled every grade in the chair of the instructor, and there are but few of our Institutions of Learning not in some degree indebted to their skillful labors or their fostering care. They have carried the much needed counsels of Christian culture into the halls of legislation, and vindicated the soundness of Christian principles at the bar and on the bench, and moulded public opinion through the powerful enginery of the secular as well as the religious press.

It is a matter of sincere congratulation, that notwithstanding the severe ordeal through which it has passed; its endowment of a hundred thousand dollars lost in the vortex of the war; its site necessarily changed, and its commodious buildings sacrificed by consequence, as a result of the same catastrophe—so far from losing it has augmented the prestige of the past. Although crippled in its material resources, yet, in the morale of its faculty, in the tone of scholarship, in the thoroughness of its work, and in the extent of its patronage, the last few years have marked an era unsurpassed in all its history. Over two hundred students have crowded its insufficient halls. Despite the unprecedented depression of the times, affecting in full proportion every Institution in the land, there are now one hundred and thirty-two young men under its care. Last session there were, of the one hundred and sixty-seven students, thirty-nine preparing for the ministry. These, with the sons of ministers and other non-paying patronage, made its beneficiary work for the Church and for society nearly equal to that for which it received remuneration.

Such is an imperfect sketch of the work that Randolph Macon College has done and is doing, and of the invaluable benefaction that it is bestowing.

In view of the full report of the President, which will be published in connection with what we have said, we deem it unnecessary to add further remarks, but would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we will cordially co-operate with the trustees, and with the agent of the College, Rev. T. A. Ware, in securing funds and patronage, and in increasing the prosperity of the Institution.

2. *Resolved*, That the Joint Board of Finance be requested to make the usual assessment of \$2000 for the education of beneficiaries.

WESLEYAN FEMALE INSTITUTE, AT STAUNTON, VA.

We are glad to report this Institution as doing remarkably well, despite the depression which has been felt among all similar Institutions. Indeed a slight advance is perceptible in the patronage of the school, and a very decided advance is reported in its material interests. We again commend this school to your care and patronage, believing that no where else we can secure better, if as good, training for the daughters of our Church. There is certainly great care manifested by the President and his efficient teachers to keep up the good reputation already attained, and we believe that good and conscientious work has been done during the past year, and the results, as reported to us by one of your visitors, are in every sense satisfactory. It may be well to emphasize a few reasons why your patronage should be extended specially to this school.

It is your school. It is held by a board of trustees for your benefit alone, and should no misfortune befall it, and you be diligent in securing patronage for it, in a few years the trustees will be able to turn over to you a property valued at \$50,000, free of all incumbrance, and offer to every minister of the Conference free tuition and board for his daughters. It is conducted solely with reference to the good of the Church, and especially our own Conference; and the apparently large sums annually accruing to the President as his share of the net proceeds, are so very largely reduced by the bad debts, the losses from which are borne by the President alone, that his salary scarcely exceeds that of others in the same work who have no financial responsibility whatever. It is reported that with about the present patronage the Institution will be free from debt in about eight years, and if by your united effort you can secure an increased patronage of forty more pupils, the debt may be discharged in four years. And when it is remembered that this patronage from the Baltimore Conference is smaller than from some of the more Southern Conferences, and that you have never been called upon for a single dollar in the way of contribution, and that you have now an Institution worth \$50,000, with a debt of \$23,000 only on it, (for in a few months it will be reduced to this sum,) and that said Institution is fully equipped for its work, it is easy to see that its claims upon us are very strong indeed. At the last Conference a resolution was adopted asking that a full statement of the financial condition of the Institution, from the purchase of the new building until now, be presented to the Conference. This makes a very gratifying exhibit. In four years over \$25,000 of indebtedness has been paid, and unless something unforeseen should occur, your Committee believes the whole debt will be shortly discharged. When it is remembered that Bro. Harris has secured these results mainly by his own diligence and by the use of his own personal credit and means, we think that not only are hearty thanks due him, but that we ought to give him our united and earnest support. And when it further appears that there have been remitted in these six years \$12,000 for tuition, &c. of ministers' daughters, the argument in favor of heartier support is deemed conclusive. While we therefore most heartily recommend and endorse this Institution, and promise to give it our most cordial support, we suggest that no further indebtedness be incurred, and that all efforts be used to reduce the outstanding debt as rapidly as possible.

The following Resolutions as an amendment to the Report of the Committee on Education in relation to the Wesleyan Female Institute, was on motion, adopted :

Resolved, that the President of this Conference be and is hereby requested to appoint Rev. Jno. Landstreet as Agent for Wesleyan Female Institute, to solicit patronage, collect moneys for said Institute, to be applied to the liquidation of its debt, on the following CONDITIONS, to wit :

1st. That said Agent in making collections, shall in no place or in no way interfere with the collections for the support of the preachers, and for all other Conference collections required of the preachers of this Conference.

2d. That to this end said agent will not be expected to raise collections before any of the congregations of the various charges in the bounds of this Conference, and he will seek the aid and co-operation of preachers in their respective appointments.

3d. That the expenses and compensation of said agent in the discharge of his duties, shall not be in any way chargeable to or affect the credit of said Institute.

4th. That all moneys collected by said Agent for the Institute be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, or such treasurer as the Trustees may appoint during the year, at such times as may be agreed on for taking receipts thereof.

5th. That said treasurer shall apply said collections to the payment of the debt of the Institute as the Board of Trustees may direct, or in absence of the Board, as the Executive Committee may direct.

6th. That said treasurer and Agent shall report to the next session of this Conference what moneys have been collected, and how applied.

7th. The Executive Committee of the Institute shall have power, subject to the ratification of the Board of Trustees, to fix the terms for the employment of said Agent.

THE VALLEY FEMALE COLLEGE,

Under the Presidency of the Rev. B. Arbogast, A. M., is reported to us by the Visiting Committee appointed by the Conference at its last session, and by others familiar with its condition, as furnishing all facilities for a thorough education. The President is actively engaged in the College work. His scholarship, combines with his long experience, to guarantee eminent success. Prof. Ide, the instructor in music, has proved his skill in teaching, by the rapid advancement of the pupils in his department. The School is located at Winchester, Va., and is beautifully and healthfully situated, with commodious and elegant buildings.

We are fully satisfied that this College is in every way worthy of our patronage, and of our most earnest efforts to advance its interests.

THE LONOAK FEMALE COLLEGE,

At Martinsburg, Berkeley County, W. Va., is reported to us by visiting brethren, members of our Conference, as in every way worthy of our confidence and patronage.

The committee beg leave to say that now, as heretofore, under the management of the Rev. J. P. Hyde, A. M., whose talents and ability are well and favorably known to this Conference, this Institution takes rank with the first schools of like grade in our country. The school is pleasantly and appropriately located, and we doubt not will continue to be a very efficient agent in promoting sound Christian education.

We are happy to state that conversions have occurred during the past collegiate year in each of the above named schools; showing that the spiritual, as well as the intellectual and moral interests of the pupils are carefully provided for.

MONTGOMERY FEMALE COLLEGE.

This Institution, located at Christiansburg, Va., is under the charge of Mrs. O. S. Pollock, the widow of a Methodist preacher, a lady of long experience and of rare qualifications as a teacher. The College is in a flourishing condition. It is located in the extreme Southern portion of our territory, and is doing an important work for our Church in that section; situated on a gentle slope of the Alleghanies, 2160 feet above tide water, and within one mile of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad, one of the great thoroughfares between the North and the South; its healthfulness and accessibility make its location peculiarly eligible for a seat of learning.

The College is a very imposing and substantial structure, admirably constructed and arranged, and surrounded with extensive grounds, beautifully laid out and adorned.

Mrs. Pollock, the Principal, in addition to her social information and admirable tact in imparting knowledge, possesses administrative ability of the highest order, while the happy influence she exercises in moulding the character and manners of those committed to her care, especially fit her to be a teacher and guardian of the young.

The committee heartily commend the Institution to the confidence and patronage of our people.

JOHNSON FEMALE COLLEGE,

At Union, Monroe County, West Virginia, under the Presidency of Rev. J. M. Follansbee, A. M., of the Baltimore Conference, assisted by an able and efficient corps of teachers, bids fair to become one of the most flourishing schools in that portion of our Conference territory. Dr. Follansbee when received into

our Conference, came recommended by Bishop McTyeire, as one of the ablest and most efficient educators in the South—having had an experience of fifteen years, first, as President of Andrew Female College, and then as President of Soule University in Texas.

The College is healthfully located in the midst of a generous and refined people, and although only in its first year, has already attained an enviable degree of vigor and popularity. We regard it as an important auxiliary to our Church enterprises in that section of country, as well as a worthy addition to our older Institutions of learning.

No pains are spared by the proprietor, Mr. C. E. Johnson, in ministering to the comfort of the boarding pupils, and making the school a pleasant Christian home.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on Bible Cause respectfully submit the following report:

The Bible cause, is the cause of God, and is commensurate in its importance to the Church and to the world with the very being and nature of God. Through the Holy Scriptures He reveals Himself and His will to men. Without this knowledge the world is wrapped in moral darkness and death. To know God aright is life eternal, and this knowledge shines forth in all its fullness and perfection in his written word. This word is the sword of the Spirit which conquers the world unto Him. Christ Himself said, in His hour of temptation and battle with Satan, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God." As the sword is needed in the soldier's hand for victory, so the Bible must be placed in every hand in order to triumph over sin. We must circulate and search the Scriptures, for, says Jesus, "in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me."

Our Conference territory is supplied by two Bible Societies—the Virginia and Maryland. In the absence of special information as to the work of the Maryland Society, we cannot say what that is doing; yet we have no doubt it is doing as much as it can with the means at its disposal.

The Virginia Society, which covers most of our field, states in their last report, that during the year past their work has been done in the midst of hard times, and under many hindrances and discouragements, but it has not ceased for a day, nor an hour. They have done what they could to give the people the Word of Life. In the year's work 15,446 volumes have been issued at a cost for collecting, distributing, &c. of \$4,264.26—averaging per volume 27 cents, for placing the Bible in the hands of the people. During the last four years and a half there have been issued 76,495 volumes of Scripture, at the value of about \$28,000. Total number of families visited during this period 65,347, constituting a population of 360,000—total number of families found destitute 10,062.

It will be seen the Society, through its agencies, has carried the Word of Life to the homes of not less than 40,000 of our destitute people. This summary does not include all the work done by the auxiliaries. Many of them do not report what they have done. It may be safe to say that a large number of families have received the Word of God through these agencies—and if the facts could all be gathered up they would greatly increase the number reported as supplied.

We are sorry to say that this Society, which has done so much good, is crippled in its operation for the want of funds to do more. It gave away last year in Bibles and Testaments to the destitute and poor \$81.89 more than they received from all the churches in the State. In view of this great and good work already done, and yet to be accomplished by the Church of God, and having failed in the past to perform our whole duty in this direction—for the statistics of our Conference show that we have raised entirely too little towards publishing and circulating the Bible—we are admonished to be more faithful in the future; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That as a Conference we express our deep sympathy and interest in the great work of the Bible cause, and unite our prayers, our means and efforts in co-operation with the State and County Bible Societies and the Christian Church everywhere in circulating the Word of Life.

2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the pastors of the different charges to preach on the study and circulation of the Bible, and to take up collections to aid the Society in this special work.

3. *Resolved*, That a cordial welcome and hearty co-operation be given to the agents of the Society whenever they may visit our charges, and that all amounts of money, whether collected by the pastors themselves or the agents, be carefully noted and duly reported at the Conference, so that the Church may have full credit for all that may be done in this department of Christian work.

E. H. HENRY, *Chairman*.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report :

That having carefully considered the subject, they are as much as ever convinced of the pernicious effects of intoxicating liquors. In whatever direction we look, we behold evidence, alas too sadly familiar to us all—not only in pauperism and crime, but in broken hearts, saddened homes, ruined fortunes, and lost souls—of its death-dealing power. There is no lack of interesting and instructive statistics on this subject. The liquor traffic in this country amounts to six hundred millions of dollars annually, with double that enormous sum for indirect damages, while religious and charitable objects receive but fifty millions of dollars per annum ; and while there are sixty-five thousand places dedicated to purposes of devotion in our land, there are two hundred and sixty thousand drinking saloons, from which an unbroken host of deluded devotees move on to ruin. To augment the sufferings of the present time, intemperance is entailing upon us the vast sum of four millions of dollars a year to support pauperism and crime. It is not however so much our object to present an elaborate argument as an earnest appeal. This flagrant sin will not cure itself. It needs all the means and appliances which God in the Gospel has provided for fallen man ; and we recognize the duty of the Christian Church as clear and distinct in this direction ; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That our people be reminded that the manufacture and the sale, as well as the use of ardent spirits as a beverage, are positively forbidden by the laws of our Church.

Resolved, 2d, That we urge all our preachers to preach at least once a year in all our congregations on this subject, and earnestly to enjoin upon our people, by all proper means, to refrain from the making, vending, and unnecessary use of spirituous liquors ; and especially in their own practice, carefully to observe the requirements of our Church to abstain from them all.

B. S. HIGHLEY, *Chairman*.

F. H. SHIPLEY, *Secretary*.

Report of the Joint Board of Finance,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1877.

Amount received from Circuits and Stations :	
For Superannuated Fund.....	\$4,262 75
For Bishops' Fund.....	1,258 59
For Educational Fund.....	1,232 27
For Bible cause.....	251 26
Collection taken at Conference for Superannuated and Bishops' Funds.....	521 20
Total amount received.....	\$7,526 07

Amount paid to Superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of deceased preachers.....	
To the Bishops...	\$4,625 00
Traveling expenses of Bishops.....	1,350 00
To Randolph Macon College.....	50 00
To the Bible Society..	1,232 27
	251 26
Total.....	\$7,508 53
Balance on hand.....	\$17 54

Comparative receipts for 1876 :	
Superannuated Fund.....	\$4,614 23
Bishops' Fund.....	1,329 37
Educational Fund.....	1,542 37
Total.....	\$8,645 37

DECREASE.	
Superannuated Fund.	\$357 48
Bishops' Fund.....	70 76
Educational Fund.....	310 12
Total decrease.....	\$738 36

Amount paid per member, in the several Districts, to the three collections above named :

Baltimore District.....	32 cents
E. Baltimore ".....	47 "
Washington ".....	29 "
Winchester ".....	20 "
Rockingham ".....	18 "
Roanoke ".....	19 "
Lewisburg ".....	18 "
Lexington ".....	18 "
Moorefield ".....	16 "

Highest amounts paid per member in the several Districts :

Baltimore District—Central Station.....	90 cents
E. Baltimore " —Trinity ".....	\$1.36
Washington " —Leesburg ".....	61 "
Winchester " —Martinsburg Station.....	43 "
Rockingham " —Shenandoah Iron Works Station.....	94 "

Roanoke District—Salem Station.....	38 cents
Lewisburg “ —Lewisburg Station..	39 “
Lexington “ —Lexington “	39 “
Moorefield “ —Frostburg “	53 “

Amount divided to Superannuated preachers and to widows and orphans of deceased preachers, as follows:

Norval Wilson.....	\$200 00
Mrs. D. Trout.....	150 00
Mrs. Veitch.....	125 00
Mrs. John Trone.....	100 00
Mrs. Thos. H. Busey.....	100 00
P. S. E. Sixeas.....	250 00
Mrs. D. Shoaff.....	150 00
John W. Tongue.....	300 00
Mrs. S. Smith	25 00
Thos. B. Sargent.....	200 00
Mrs. Cross and child.....	150 00
W. H. Wheelwright....	450 00
Mrs. J. W. Bull.....	25 00
Henry Hoffman.....	100 00
Sam'l Kepler.....	200 00
R. S. Shreve's children.....	150 00
Mrs. Baird and children	400 00
Wm. Hedges.....	150 00
A. A. Eskridge.....	300 00
Mrs. L. D. Nixon.....	50 00
Elias Welty.....	200 00
Thos. Hildebrand.....	300 00
E. L. Kregelo	150 00
Mrs. J. F. Liggett.....	100 00
Wm. J. Perry.....	250 00
Mrs. Jos. Aikin.....	50 00

Total.....\$4,625 00

Being the ratio of 100 cents to the dollar.

Estimates for the Ensuing Year.

Amount necessary for Superannuated Fund.....	\$5,800 00
For Bishops' Fund.....	1,545 00
For Educational Fund.....	2,040 00

Total.. \$9,385 00

Assessed as follows:

DISTRICTS,	Superannua- ted Fund.	Bishops' Fund.	Educational Fund.
Baltimore District.....	\$1,018 00	\$260 00	\$345 00
E. Baltimore “	920 00	255 00	340 00
Washington “	1,060 00	280 00	370 00
Winchester “	660 00	170 00	225 00
Rockingham “	562 00	150 00	195 00
Roanoke “	400 00	105 00	140 00
Lewisburg “	335 00	90 00	115 00
Lexington “	370 00	105 00	135 00
Moorefield “	475 00	130 00	175 00
Total.....	\$5,800 00	\$1,545 00	\$2,040 00

Amounts allowed to Superannuated preachers, and to widows and orphans of deceased preachers, for the ensuing year, as follows :

Mrs. D. Trout.. .. .	\$150 00
Mrs. Veitch.. .. .	150 00
Mrs. John Trone.. .. .	100 00
Mrs. Thos. H. Busey	100 00
Mrs. D. Shoaff.. .. .	150 00
Mrs. Cross and child.. .. .	150 00
Mrs. J. W. Bull.. .. .	50 00
Mrs. Baird and children	300 00
Mrs. L. D. Nixon.. .. .	50 00
Mrs. Liggett and children.. .. .	225 00
Mrs. Jos. Aikin	100 00
Mrs. J. P. Etchison.. .. .	100 00
R. S. Shreve's children.. .. .	150 00
P. S. E. Sixeas.. .. .	250 00
Jno. W. Tongue.. .. .	300 00
T. B. Sargent.. .. .	250 00
W. H. Wheelwright	400 00
Henry Hoffman	100 00
Sam'l Kepler.. .. .	250 00
Wm. Hedges.. .. .	200 00
A. A. Eskridge.. .. .	300 00
Elias Welty.. .. .	200 00
Thos. Hildebrand.. .. .	400 00
E. L. Kregelo.. .. .	200 00
Wm. J. Perry.. .. .	300 00
Geo. Stevenson.. .. .	300 00
Jno. W. Ewan.. .. .	300 00
Contingencies	225 00
Total.. .. .	\$5,800 00

In regard to so much of the paper of the Laymen of the Conference as was referred to us, the Joint Board of Finance is of opinion that the assessment plan of finance is strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline ; and we earnestly recommend its adoption by all the Quarterly Conferences within our bounds.

We recommend the re-adoption of the Plan of Finance, adopted by the Conference at its last two sessions, and its publication as a part of this report.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1st. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Board that the Joint Board of Finance should be called together immediately upon the adjournment of the Conference, for the purpose of electing a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

2d. *Resolved*, That the Presiding Elders be requested to institute special inquiry at the Quarterly Conferences, whether the preachers in charge, in their respective districts, have been faithful in their efforts to raise the full amounts assessed by this Board, and to report the result of such inquiry in each case to the Annual Conference.

3d. *Resolved*, That as heretofore, the preachers be required to answer, upon the passage of their character, as to whether they have taken up these collections, and raised the whole amounts assessed.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL K. COX, *Chairman*,

A. P. BOUDE, *Secretary*.

THE FOLLOWING PLAN OF FINANCE,

*Adopted by the Conference of 1875, is here published by order of
the Conference at this session.*

PLAN OF FINANCE FOR CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

Believing that the mortifying deficiencies which from year to year are reported by our preachers, arise more from want of some systematic plan well carried out, than from a want of ability to pay, we recommend the following plan for your adoption :

I. At the first Quarterly Conference, after the Stewards shall have ascertained the amount of the preachers' allowance and the Presiding Elder's claim, and apportioned the same to the several appointments of the charge, and determined in how many instalments the yearly contributions shall be paid, in accordance with the Discipline, then let the Stewards, with such other judicious brethren as they may call to their aid, assess the amount it is expected to raise at each appointment, upon all the members of the Church, individually, according to their several ability.

This assessment to be regarded as a suggestion as to what, in the judgment of the Stewards, each member ought to pay, and what is necessary to meet the demand.

II. This being done, the Stewards should see all the members of the Church as soon as practicable, and if possible, get them to agree to their assessments; if not, then say what they *will* contribute.

III. Then let a Church Conference be called at the earliest possible day, at every appointment, and let the Stewards announce what has been done.

Each Steward shall keep in a book the names of the members assigned to him, with the amounts assessed to each, and he shall be expected to see that the amounts assessed are brought up in full.

IV. Let a Church Conference be held at the close of each quarter, at every appointment, and let one of the Stewards read out what has been assessed and how much has been paid by each member at said appointment.

The preachers shall urge our people to a more general attendance upon the Church Conferences; and it shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders to aid in this matter, and urge its importance upon both preachers and people, wherever it may be necessary.

We earnestly recommend that no man shall be elected to the office of Steward out of mere compliment; and that no inefficient person be retained where it is possible to secure the services of men otherwise qualified according to the Discipline, who would probably be more diligent and efficient in matters of finance.

The attention of our preachers and people is hereby called especially to paragraph 4, Section I, Chapter IX, page 156 of the Discipline, on this subject.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, BALTIMORE CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

MARCH, 1877.

To amount received from BALTIMORE DISTRICT.	DOMESTIC MISS.		FOREIGN MISS.		BY AMOUNT PAID.	DOMESTIC MISS.	
	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.		Allowed	Paid.
Central—John A. Kern.....	\$105 00	\$105 00	\$80 00	\$82 00			
St. Paul's—S. Keener Cox.....	105 00	105 00	80 00	80 00			
Emmanuel—John Hannon.....	87 00	28 00	67 00	20 28			
Frederick Avenue—Burton S. Highly...	41 00	5 00	31 00	5 00			
Calvary—Henry H. Kennedy.....	70 00	14 00	53 00	12 00			
Baltimore Circuit—John Landstreet...	47 00	15 00	36 00	12 00	Baltimore Circuit—John Landstreet....	\$100 00	\$50 00
Arlington—Ballard R. Wilburn.....	44 00	30 00	33 00	16 00			
Freedom—David Bush.....	52 00	7 00	40 00	15 00			
Linden Mission—Chas. G. Linthicum...	35 00	17 50	27 00	13 50	Linden Mission—C. G. Linthicum.....	500 00	250 00
Linganore Circuit—Wm. R. Stringer...	61 00	20 00	47 00	20 00			
Frederick City—George T. Tyler.....	47 00	30 00	36 00	36 00			
Rockville Circuit—John C. Dice.....	100 00	31 00	76 00	60 00			
Darnestown Mission—John P. Hall ...	20 00	no rep't	16 00	no rep't	Darnestown Mission—John P. Hall....	200 00	100 00
Montgomery Circuit—William A. Wade.	64 00	12 00	49 00	9 00	Montgomery Circuit—Wm. A. Wade...	200 00	100 00
Beltsville Circuit—Presley B. Smith....	61 00	.....	47 00	23 50			
Laurel Circuit—Isaac W. Canter.....	67 00	38 00	51 00	29 00			
South River Cir.—Wm. A. McDonald..	52 00	24 80	40 00	18 23			
Bladensburg Circuit—John W. Ewan...	26 00	12 00	20 00	12 00			
Emory—Asbury R. Regester.....	41 00	6 00	31 00	20 00			
Upper Marlboro—W. R. McNeer ...	26 00	14 30	20 00	6 00			
German Mission—E. N. S. Blogg.....	15 00	12 00	11 00	9 00			
	\$1166 00	\$526 60	\$891 00	\$497 51		\$1000 00	\$500 00

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

Trinity--W. W. Walker.....	\$305 00	\$305 00	\$272 00	\$272 00			
East Baltimore Mission--L. W. Haslup.	15 00	7 61	10 00	7 00	East Baltimore--L. W. Haslup.....	\$200 00	\$100 00
North Baltimore--S. W. Haddaway....	57 00	40 00	43 00	20 00			
Taylor Circuit--Thomas W. Brown....	78 00	35 55	62 00	27 22			
W. Harford Circuit--John W. Steele...	15 00	15 00	10 00	10 00			
E. Harford Mission--G. W. Lightner...	30 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	East Harford--G. W. Lightner.....	100 00	50 00
Talbot Mission--Rumsey Smithson....	57 00	30 00	43 00	23 05	Talbot--Rumsey Smithson.....	200 00	100 00
Hillsboro Mission--Shannon F. Butt...	57 00	7 00	43 00	5 00	Hillsboro--Shannon F. Butt.....	200 00	100 00
Trappe Station--Beverly W. Bond.....	34 00	20 00	26 00	26 00			
Kent Mission--Francis A. Mercer	40 00	24 00	30 00	11 00	Kent--F. A. Mercer.....	100 00	50 00
Queen Anne's Circuit--W. W. Watts...	104 00	53 00	81 00	32 00			
Severn Circuit--Robert M. Williams....	45 00	4 00	35 00	2 00			
West River Circuit--Edward H. Henry...	80 00	15 00	55 00	30 00			
Calvert Mission--Chas. L. Torreyson...	70 00	30 00	40 00	10 00	Calvert--Chas. L. Torreyson.....	200 00	100 00
Prince George Cir.--Allen A. P. Neale..	104 00	45 00	71 00	45 00			
Charles Circuit--Hamilton W. Kinzer...	75 00	40 00	50 00	30 00			
	\$1166 00	\$681 16	\$891 00	\$560 27		\$1000 00	\$500 00

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Mt. Vernon Place--Alpheus W. Wilson	160 00	160 00	125 00	125 00			
Alexandria--J. Hoffman Waugh.....	165 00	165 00	125 00	125 00			
Fairfax Circuit--Charles A. Joyce.....	70 00	34 00	50 00	25 00			
Falls Church Cir.--Wm. G. Hammond..	45 00	45 00	35 00	35 00			
Farmwell Circuit--Oliver C. Beall.....	46 00	13 00	30 00	13 00			
Leesburg--James S. Gardner... ..	85 00	85 00	60 00	133 00			
Hamilton and Grove--L. H. Crenshaw.	60 00	60 00	50 00	50 00			
Hillsboro Circuit--Lewis R. Jones....	70 00	30 50	50 00	32 50			
Loudon Circuit--Thomas E. Carson....	185 00	45 00	140 00	42 00			
Piedmont Circuit--J. Hervey Dulany...	85 00	33 00	65 00	25 00			
Warrenton Circuit--James Higgins....	85 00	25 00	65 00	30 00			
Linden Circuit--John O. Luckett .. .	30 00	14 70	25 00	12 50			
Fauquier Mission--Hamilton A. Gaver.	30 00	20 00	25 00	16 50	Fauquier--Hamilton A. Gaver.....	200 00	200 00
Prince William Circuit--Robert Smith.	25 00	15 00	18 00	10 00			
Stafford Circuit--Joseph H. Temple....	25 00	16 00	20 00	12 00			
Fredericksburg--Jas. E. Armstrong....	75 00	75 00	60 00	60 00			
	\$1241 00	\$836 20	\$943 00	\$746 50		\$200 00	\$200 00

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

To amount received from WINCHESTER DISTRICT.	DOMESTIC MISS.		FOREIGN MISS.		BY AMOUNT PAID.	DOMESTIC MISS.	
	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.		Allowed	Paid.
Winchester Station—Samuel Rodgers..	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$81 00	\$81 00			
Winchester Circuit—W. G. Eggleston..	67 00	24 10	65 00	57 13			
Cedarville Mission—Rufus H. Wilson..	35 00	18 69	35 00	18 68	Cedarville—Rufus H. Wilson....	\$100 00	50 00
Frederick Mission—George Stevenson..	35 00	8 00	20 00	3 00	Frederick—Geo Stevenson.....	200 00	100 00
Front Royal & Riverton—Wm. C. Maloy	50 00	50 00	45 00	45 00			
Warren Circuit—J. W. Shoaff.....	30 00	6 21	25 00	8 50			
Berryville Mission—Adam B. Dolly....	45 00	10 00	40 00	9 95	Berryville—Adam B. Dolly.....	100 00	50 00
Brucetown Cir.—Sylvanus Townsend..	65 00	30 00	55 00	30 00			
Martinsburg—Louis C. Miller.....	45 00	.....	25 00	27 03			
Berkeley Circuit—John W. Wolff.....	45 00	13 00	25 00	10 00			
Charlestown—Sydnor G. Ferguson....	40 00	20 00	25 00	25 00			
Jefferson Circuit—James L. Kibler....	35 00	16 00	20 00	11 00			
Shepherdstown Cir—J. Lester Shipley..	75 00	48 00	65 00	65 00			
Gainsboro Circuit—H. A. Wilson	50 00	1 60	29 00	2 95			
Wardensville Circuit—Lewis G. Martin.	30 00	8 50	25 00	6 00	Wardensville—Lewis G. Martin.....	100 00	50 00
Bethel Mission—Alfred H. Way.....	30 00	10 00	25 00	7 00	Bethel—Alfred H. Way.....	100 00	50 00
Morgan Mission—W. Marshall Hiner..	30 00	4 00	15 00	2 00	Morgan—W. M. Hiner.....	100 00	50 00
Shenandoah Mission—S. Brown.....	10 00	no rep't	5 00	no rep't	Shenandoah Mission—S. Brown.....	100 00	50 00
	\$817 00	\$368 10	\$625 00	\$409 24		\$800 00	\$400 00

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.							
Staunton—John S. Martin.	\$66 00	\$66 00	\$54 00	\$54 00			
Harrisonburg—S. Samuel Roszell.....	66 00	66 00	54 00	54 00			
Shenandoah Iron Works—Geo. B. Allen	55 00	55 00	45 00	45 00			
Mt. Sidney Mission—Lewis C. Grabill..	55 00	8 00	45 00	7 00	Mt. Sidney—Lewis C. Grabill.....	100 00	50 00
Churchville Cir.—William H. Wilson..	55 00	18 00	45 00	13 00			
Bridgewater Circuit—Gibson Mauzy...	55 00	18 00	45 00	15 00			
Sangersville Circuit—Frazier Furr	30 25	1 50	24 75	2 50			
Rockingham Mission—John T. Maxwell	38 50	7 00	31 50	5 00	Rockingham—John T. Maxwell.....	100 00	50 00
E. Rockingham Ct.—Francis A. Strother	38 50	38 50	31 50	31 50			
Port Republic Miss.—Andrew Robey...	22 00	20 30	18 00	12 18	Port Republic—Andrew Robey.....	250 00	125 00
Furnace No. 2 Miss.—Lafayette Fox...	22 00	6 00	18 00	4 00	Furnace No. 2—Lafayette Fox.....	150 00	75 00
New Market Cir.—Charles L. Dameron.	41 25	4 38	33 75	10 00	New Market—Chas. L. Dameron.....	50 00	25 00
Woodstock Circuit—George G. Brooke.	60 50	23 87	49 50	19 00			
Strasburg Mission—Francis H. Richey..	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	Strasburg—Francis H. Richey....	200 00	100 00
Luray Circuit—Mabury G. Balthis.....	33 00	10 00	27 00	7 50			
	\$643 00	\$347 55	\$527 00	\$283 68		\$850 00	\$425 00
ROANOKE DISTRICT.					Roanoke District—R. R. S. Hough. ...	300 00	150 00
Salem—Jefferson W. Duffy.....	75 00	75 00	\$60 00	\$60 00			
Roanoke Circuit—Joseph J. Engle.....	60 00	21 00	46 00	32 00			
Blacksburg—Addison Weller.....	60 00	10 00	46 00	10 00			
Christiansburg Mission—Jas. H. March.	60 00	32 00	46 00	22 00	Christiansburg—J. H. March.....	300 00	150 00
Fincastle Circuit—J. M. Follansbee ...	75 00	68 80	60 00	92 00			
Lexington Circuit—William O. Ross...	63 00	20 00	47 00	22 00			
James River Cir.—Wm. W. Hederick..	47 00	6 00	35 00	5 00			
New Castle Mission—Robert Ross.....	32 00	20 00	20 00	12 00	New Castle—Robert Ross.....	50 00	25 00
Catawba Mission—J. Timothy Smith...	23 00	10 00	19 00	.....	Catawba—J. Timothy Smith.....	200 00	100 00
Sinking Creek Cir.—Francis H. Shipley.	44 00	10 00	31 00	15 00			
Lafayette Mission—Leonidas Butt.....	33 00	11 00	26 00	9 00	Lafayette—Leonidas Butt.....	100 00	50 00
	\$572 00	\$283 80	\$436 00	\$279 00		\$950 00	\$475 00

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Concluded.

To amount received from LEWISBURG DISTRICT.	DOMESTIC MISS.		FOREIGN MISS.		BY AMOUNT PAID.	DOMESTIC MISS.	
	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.		Allowed	Paid.
Lewisburg—A. Poe Boude.....	\$50 00	\$53 00	\$40 00	\$58 75	Lewisburg District—W. G. Coe.....	\$350 00	\$175 00
Frankford Circuit—William L. Lynch..	60 00	60 00	45 00	45 00			
White Sulphur Miss.—John W. Canter.	25 00	5 00	16 00	5 00	White Sulphur Miss.—John W. Canter.	100 00	50 00
W. Sulphur Sta.—Vincent W. Wheeler.	25 00	20 00	13 00	8 00			
Blue Sulphur Cir.—James T. Williams..	50 00	20 00	40 00	11 00			
Levelton Circuit—James R. Vanhorne..	50 00	5 00	40 00	10 00			
Edray Mission—Rufus M. Wheeler....	25 00	19 00	20 00	15 00	Edray Mission—Rufus H. Wheeler....	50 00	25 00
Greenbank Circuit—H. Monroe Strickler	55 00	27 50	46 00	23 00			
Peterstown Circuit—Wm. H. Sanders..	23 00	4 00	17 00	3 00			
Union Circuit—Henry C. Pitzer.....	35 00	25 10	26 00	15 25			
Centreville Circuit—J. J. Crickenberger.	45 00	20 00	37 00	18 00			
Summers Mission—Alfred C. Gearhart..	23 00	5 75	17 00	5 25	Summers Mission—Alfred C. Gearhart..	200 00	100 00
Hillsdale Mission—Oscar F. Burgess....	24 00	24 00	17 00	17 00			
Laurel Creek Circuit—A. T. Ballentine.	.....	2 00	.....	.....	
	\$490 00	\$290 35	\$374 00	\$234 25		\$700 00	\$350 00

LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

Lexington Station—William K. Boyle..	\$57 00	\$40 40	\$43 00	\$30 48	Lexington District—John L. Gilbert....	200 00	100 00
Colliertown Circuit—Sam'l B. Dolly...	41 00	5 00	32 00	5 00			
Fairfield Circuit—Thomas Briley.....	41 00	8 60	32 00	7 50			
Augusta Circuit—Benj. F. Ball.....	41 00	11 00	32 00	20 00			
W. Augusta Miss.—James S. Porter....	38 00	16 50	29 00	15 00	W. Augusta Mission—Jas. S. Porter....	200 00	100 00
Upper Botetourt Cir—James H. Boyd.	41 00	9 75	32 00	14 25			
Covington Circuit—William T. Quinn..	41 00	10 00	32 00	16 00			
Monterey Circuit—Adam Q. Flaherty..	53 00	20 00	40 00	40 00			
Crab Bottom Circuit—James F. Follin..	38 00	10 40	29 00	13 00			
Circleville Mission—J. C. Jones.....	19 00	.....	14 00	.....	Circleville Mission—J. C. Jones....	100 00	50 00
Highland Circuit—Henry D. Bishop....	34 00	20 00	26 00	16 00			
Bath Circuit—Stewart S. Ryder.....	34 00	3 00	26 00	5 00			
Green Valley Mis.—Washington Varner	12 00	1 00	8 00	1 00	Green Valley Mis.—Washington Varner	200 00	100 00

\$490 00	\$155 65	\$375 00	\$183 23	\$700 00	\$350 00
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MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.

Moorefield—Geo. H. Zimmerman..	71 00	35 00	55 00	25 00			
Petersburg Mission—Aaron Boone....	40 00	13 00	31 00	10 00	Petersburg—Aaron Boone.....	100 00	50 00
Franklin Mission—John C. Sedgwick...	43 00	15 00	33 00	12 00	Franklin—John C. Sedgwick.....	150 00	75 00
Keyser Circuit—Wesley Hammond....	40 00	5 00	31 00	10 00			
South Branch Cir—John S. Hutch nson	63 00	22 00	48 00	48 00			
Springfield Circuit—James H. Wolff...	65 00	20 00	50 00	35 00			
North River Circuit—John N. Gray....	26 00	12 00	19 00	8 00			
Hardy Mission—Asbury C. McNeer....	20 00	2 80	15 00	2 00	Hardy—A. C. McNeer.....	200 00	100 00
Piedmont Station—William H. Seat....	57 00	33 71	44 00	24 00			
Frostburg—Thomas G. Nevitt.....	24 00	38 00	17 00	31 00			
Listonville Circuit—Luke R. Markwood	24 00	6 00	17 00	6 00			
Flintstone Circuit—Silas R. Snapp....	50 00	8 00	39 00	6 50			
Rainsburg—John R. Andrew.....	21 00	15 00	15 00	10 00			
Cumberland--	28 00	22 00	German Mission—E. N. S. Blogg.....	500 00	250 00

\$572 00	\$225 51	\$436 00	\$227 50
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SPECIAL COLLECTION

At Winchester, March, 1876.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mt. Vernon Sunday School, Jesse B. Wilson.....	\$97 50
Leesburg Sunday School, F. A. Lutz.....	50 00
" " " L. W. S. Hough.....	30 00
" " " Rev. J. S. Gardner.....	10 00
Trinity Sunday School, Baltimore, T. J. Magruder.....	40 00
Trinity Sunday School, Frederick City, T. J. Magruder..	10 00
Emmanuel Sunday School, Rev. John Hannon.....	10 00
A friend, by Rev. John Hannon..	10 00
St. Paul's Sunday School, C. Shipley and wife.....	15 00
St. Paul's Sunday School, Wm. C. Martin.....	5 00
Edinburg Sunday School, Mr. Boone.....	5 00
Luray Sunday School, Mr. Neal.....	5 00
Romney Sunday School, Rev. J. S. Hutchison.....	5 00
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	\$292 50

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Winchester Sunday School, J. N. Wilkerson.....	\$25 00
Harrisonburg Sunday School, S. R. Sterling.....	20 00
Harrisonburg Sunday School, Rev. S. S. Roszell.....	20 00
Trinity Sunday School, Frederick City, Mrs. Lorenz.....	6 00
Charlestown Sunday School, Mr. Hessey.....	10 00
Staunton Sunday School, J. W. Newton.....	20 00
German Mission, E. N. S. Blogg.....	10 00
Thomas Branch.....	20 00
White Sulphur Sunday School, Rev. V. W. Wheeler.....	5 00
Severn Sunday School, Rev. John W. Steele.....	5 00
Rev. W. E. Miller.....	5 00
Rev. J. R. Andrew.....	5 00
Frostburg Sunday School, Rev. C. E. Simmons.....	5 00
Rev. David Thomas.....	5 00
Levelton Sunday School, Rev. J. R. Vanhorne.....	5 00
Shepherdstown Sunday School, G. T. Lichlider ...	5 00
Farmwell Sunday School.....	5 00
Mt. Vernon Sunday School, Rev. J. W. Boteler.....	5 00
Brucetown Sunday School, Hammond.....	10 00
Blacksburg Mission Society, Rev. B. F. Ball.....	5 00
Rev. T. G. Neavitt.....	5 00
Rev. S. B. Dolly.....	1 00
Mr. Wilson.....	2 00
Luthern Sunday School, Winchester.....	5 00
Mr. Warner.....	1 00
W. B. Dorsey.....	1 00
Stephen Beard.....	1 00
Cash by sundry parties.....	44 00
Basket collection.....	37 65
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Equally divided between Domestic and Foreign.....	293 65
All appropriated to Foreign Mission.....	292 50
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	\$586 15

ASSESSMENTS AND PAYMENTS BY DISTRICTS.

	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
Baltimore District.....	\$1,166 00	\$526 60	\$891 00	\$497 51
E. Baltimore "	1,166 00	681 16	891 00	560 27
Washington "	1,241 00	836 20	943 00	746 50
Winchester "	817 00	368 10	625 00	409 24
Rockingham "	643 00	347 55	527 00	283 68
Roanoke "	572 00	283 80	436 00	279 00
Lewisburg "	490 00	290 35	374 00	234 25
Lexington "	490 00	155 65	375 00	183 23
Moorefield "	572 00	225 51	436 00	227 50
	\$7,157 00	\$3,714 92	\$5,498 00	\$3,421 18

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS FOR 1876 and 1877.

	Domestic & Foreign Missions. 1876.	Domestic & Foreign Missions. 1877.	Increase.	Decrease.
Received from Baltimore District..	\$1,116 98	\$1,024 11	.....	\$92 87
" " E. Baltimore " ..	1,366 17	1,241 43	.....	124 74
" " Washington " ..	1,633 50	1,582 70	.....	50 80
" " Winchester " ..	673 66	777 34	\$103 68	
" " Rockingham " ..	650 42	631 23	.....	19 19
" " Roanoke " ..	420 67	562 80	142 13	
" " Lewisburg " ..	343 65	524 60	180 95	
" " Lexington " ..	252 70	338 88	86 16	
" " Moorefield " ..	510 56	453 01	.....	57 55
			\$512 92	\$345 15
			345 15	
Actual increase.....			\$167 77	

APPROPRIATIONS

*By Conference Board, for Domestic Missions within bounds of
Baltimore Conference, for Conference year 1877-8, subject
to revision.*

<i>Baltimore District.</i>		
German Mission.....	\$500 00	\$500 00
<i>East Baltimore District.</i>		
Calvert.....	\$100 00	100 00
<i>Washington District.</i>		
Fauquier.....	\$200 00	
Potomac Mission.....	200 00	
S. S. and Tract Agent, J. M. Grandin.....	200 00	600 00
<i>Winchester District.</i>		
Cedarville.....	\$50 00	
Frederick.....	100 00	
Bethel.....	50 00	
Wardensville.....	50 00	
Shenandoah.....	50 00	400 00
<i>Rockingham District.</i>		
Port Republic.....	\$100 00	
Page.....	50 00	150 00
Roanoke District.....	\$100 00	
Christiansburg.....	100 00	
New Castle.....	50 00	
Catawba.....	50 00	
Lafayette.....	50 00	350 00
Lewisburg District.....	\$150 00	
Summers.....	100 00	
Anthony's Creek.....	50 00	
Ronceverte.....	100 00	400 00
Lexington District.....	\$150 00	
West Augusta.....	100 00	
Collierstown.....	50 00	
Green Valley.....	100 00	400 00
<i>Moorefield District.</i>		
Morgan.....	\$150 00	150 00
		<u>\$3,050 00</u>

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RECAPITULATION AND BALANCE.

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To cash on hand March '76.	\$524 83	By am't appropriated in—	
To amount received for Foreign and Domestic Missions, from—		Baltimore District.....	\$500 00
Baltimore District.....	1,024 11	E. Baltimore ".....	500 00
E. Baltimore ".....	1,241 43	Washington ".....	200 00
Washington ".....	1,582 70	Winchester ".....	400 00
Winchester ".....	777 34	Rockingham ".....	425 00
Rockingham ".....	631 23	Roanoke ".....	475 00
Roanoke ".....	562 80	Lewisburg ".....	350 00
Lewisburg ".....	524 60	Lexington ".....	350 00
Lexington ".....	338 88	Moorefield ".....	225 00
Moorefield ".....	453 01	To German Mission.....	250 00
Special collection in Winchester, March, 1876	586 15	To Foreign Missions.....	3,860 50
		Special appropriat'n to Rev. E. N. S. Blogg	250 00
		Balance on hand.....	461 58
	\$8,247 08		\$8,247 08

N. B.—The Infant Class of Mt. Vernon Place Sunday School, Washington, D. C., Miss Sallie Faulkner, Teacher, raised \$150 for the education of three boys in China, to be named respectively, Alpheus Walters Wilson, Henry Fairhurst Zimmerman, and Vernon Wilson.

N. B. 2.—Independent of the \$577 contributed by Trinity Church, Baltimore, to the regular Missionary Collections, the Sunday School and Women's Bible Mission raised and disbursed for Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$1,159, making a total of \$1,736 contributed by that charge to the cause of Missions.

ASSESSED TO DISTRICTS FOR 1877-3.

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions	Total.
Baltimore District.....	\$908 00	\$512 00	\$1,420 00
E. Baltimore ".....	908 00	512 00	1,420 00
Washington ".....	963 00	542 00	1,505 00
Winchester ".....	658 00	355 00	1,013 00
Rockingham ".....	536 00	301 00	837 00
Roanoke ".....	445 00	265 00	710 00
Lewisburg ".....	381 00	215 00	596 00
Lexington ".....	381 00	215 00	596 00
Moorefield ".....	445 00	265 00	710 00
	\$5,625 00	\$3,182 00	\$8,807 00

CHARLES SHIPLEY, *Treasurer*:

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUPERANNUATED FUND.			EDUCATIONAL FUND.			BIBLE.
	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Paid.
Central.....	\$23 00	\$23 00	.....	\$85 00	\$90 00	.....	\$31 00	\$31 00	.....	.....
St. Paul's.....	23 00	23 00	.....	85 00	85 00	.....	31 00	31 00	.....	.....
Emmanuel.....	19 00	19 00	.....	71 00	71 00	.....	25 00	.....	\$25 00	.....
Frederick Avenue.....	9 00	6 00	\$3 00	33 00	12 00	21 00	12 00	.....	12 00	.....
Calvary.....	16 00	4 00	12 00	56 00	12 00	44 00	21 00	4 00	17 00	.....
Baltimore Circuit.....	10 00	10 00	.....	38 00	17 00	21 00	14 00	14 00	.....	.....
Arlington.....	10 00	10 00	.....	35 00	25 00	.....	12 00	.....	12 00	\$14 00
Freedom.....	12 00	10 00	2 00	42 00	12 00	30 00	16 00	5 00	11 00	3 50
Linden Mission.....	8 00	4 00	4 00	28 00	13 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....
Linganore.....	14 00	14 00	.....	49 00	40 00	9 00	18 00	2 35	15 65	.....
Frederick City.....	10 00	10 00	.....	38 00	49 00	.....	14 00	20 00	.....	8 00
Rockville.....	22 00	22 00	.....	80 00	80 00	.....	28 00	28 00	.....	.....
Darnestown Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	.....	13 00	7 00	.....	7 00	.....
Montgomery.....	14 00	3 04	10 96	52 00	10 00	42 00	19 00	3 75	15 25	.....
Beltsville.....	14 00	14 00	.....	49 00	49 00	.....	18 00	.....	18 00	.....
Laurel.....	15 00	8 00	7 00	54 00	32 56	21 44	20 00	12 00	8 00	4 50
South River.....	12 00	8 00	4 00	42 00	25 00	17 00	16 00	5 00	11 00	2 00
Bladensburg.....	9 00	9 00	.....	21 00	21 00	.....	8 00	8 00	.....	.....
Emory.....	9 00	6 00	3 00	33 00	16 00	17 00	12 00	2 75	9 25	.....
Upper Marlboro.....	6 00	6 00	.....	21 00	.....	21 00	8 00	4 40	3 60	.....
German Mission.....	4 00	3 00	1 00	15 00	10 50	4 50	5 00	3 00	2 00	1 50
	\$259 00	\$212 04	\$46 96	\$940 00	\$680 06	\$275 94	\$345 00	\$179 25	\$171 75	\$33 50
Less amount overpaid.....						16 00			6 00	
						\$259 94			\$165 75	

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

Trinity.....	51 00	70 00	.....	171 00	325 00	.....	55 00	80 00	.....	47 00
East Baltimore Mission.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	25 00	12 58	12 42	12 00	3 45	8 55	.....
North Baltimore.....	15 00	15 00	.....	50 00	50 00	.....	15 00	15 00	.....	.....
Taylor Circuit.....	12 00	12 00	.....	50 00	32 56	17 44	15 00	5 00	10 00	.....
West Harford.....	5 00	5 00	.....	16 00	16 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....
East Harford Mission.....	7 00	5 00	2 00	25 00	12 00	13 00	8 00	3 00	5 00	.....
Talbot Mission.....	12 50	12 50	.....	47 50	47 50	.....	17 00	17 00	.....	.....
Hillsboro Mission.....	12 50	7 00	5 50	47 50	9 70	37 80	17 00	.....	17 00	.....
Trappe.....	5 00	5 00	.....	25 00	25 00	.....	7 00	7 00	.....	2 79
Kent Mission.....	10 00	10 00	.....	50 00	33 00	17 00	15 00	3 00	12 00	.....
Queen Anne's.....	25 00	14 50	10 50	100 00	65 00	35 00	47 00	10 00	37 00	5 00
Severn.....	10 00	3 00	7 00	32 00	4 00	28 00	12 00	2 00	10 00	.....
West River.....	20 00	15 00	5 00	76 00	40 00	36 00	28 00	15 00	13 00	2 00
Calvert Mission.....	18 00	10 00	8 00	60 00	40 00	20 00	22 00	3 00	19 00	.....
Prince George's.....	25 00	20 00	5 00	100 00	100 00	.....	35 00	16 00	18 40	.....
Charles.....	15 00	10 00	5 00	30 00	30 00	.....	28 00	13 00	15 00	.....
By a friend of worn out Preachers, through Rev. D. Ball, D. D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$253 00	\$219 00	\$53 00	\$905 00	\$942 34	\$216 66	\$338 00	\$198 05	\$164 95	\$56 79
Less amount overpaid.....			19 00			254 00			25 00	
			\$34 00			\$37 34			\$139 95	

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS—Continued.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUPERANNUATED FUND.			EDUCATIONAL FUND.			BIBLE.
	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Paid.
Mount Vernon Place.....	\$30 00	\$30 00	.....	\$107 00	\$107 00	.....	\$45 00	\$45 00	.....	.....
Alexandria.....	30 00	30 00	.....	117 00	117 00	.....	50 00	50 00	.....	16 85
Fairfax.....	16 00	16 00	.....	52 00	31 25	20 75	15 00	15 00	.....	.....
Falls Church.....	13 00	13 00	.....	46 00	46 00	.....	15 00	15 00	.....	10 00
Farmwell.....	10 00	10 00	.....	34 00	34 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Leesburg.....	16 00	16 00	.....	60 00	100 00	.....	24 00	40 00	.....	.....
Hamilton and Grove.....	14 00	14 00	.....	56 00	56 00	.....	18 00	18 00	.....	.....
Hillsboro.....	15 00	15 00	.....	56 00	56 00	.....	18 00	8 00	10 00	2 25
Loudoun.....	36 00	36 00	.....	125 00	80 00	45 00	50 00	32 20	17 80	.....
Piedmont.....	20 00	16 00	4 00	75 00	39 00	36 00	25 00	7 00	18 00	.....
Warrenton.....	20 00	15 00	5 00	75 00	25 00	50 00	25 00	25 00	.....	15 00
Linden.....	10 00	8 00	2 00	28 00	22 00	6 00	12 00	6 00	6 00	.....
Fauquier Mission.....	14 00	9 30	4 70	48 00	32 00	16 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	.....
Prince William.....	8 00	6 00	2 00	26 00	20 00	6 00	9 00	5 00	4 00	.....
Stafford.....	13 00	8 00	5 00	45 00	27 00	18 00	13 00	7 00	6 00	6 00
Fredericksburg.....	15 00	15 00	.....	60 00	60 00	.....	23 00	23 00	.....	7 00
	\$280 00	\$257 30	\$22 70	\$1010 00	\$852 25	\$197 75	\$367 00	\$316 20	\$66 80	\$57 10
Less amount overpaid.....						40 00			16 00	
						\$157 75			\$50 80	

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

Winchester.....	\$ 20 00	\$20 00	.....	\$65 00	\$65 00	.....	\$30 00	\$30 00	.....	9 20
Winchester Circuit.....	12 00	12 00	.....	50 00	50 00	.....	30 00	4 97	25 03	18 00
Cedarville Mission.....	8 00	4 73	3 27	35 00	18 68	16 32	20 00	10 68	9 32	1 22
Frederick Mission.....	5 00	2 00	3 00	20 00	9 50	10 50	10 00	.....	10 00	2 00
Front Royal and Riverton.....	15 00	15 00	.....	35 00	35 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	16 00
Warren.....	5 00	3 00	2 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....
Berryville Mission.....	10 00	10 00	.....	35 00	20 00	15 00	10 00	2 00	8 00	.....
Brucetown.....	10 00	10 00	.....	50 00	50 00	.....	15 00	11 00	4 00	5 00
Martinsburg.....	8 00	8 00	.....	45 00	45 00	.....	10 00	4 00	6 00	.....
Berkeley.....	10 00	8 00	2 00	35 00	12 75	22 25	15 00	1 00	14 00	.....
Charlestown.....	10 00	10 00	.....	30 00	30 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	10 00	10 00	.....	20 00	20 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Shepherdstown.....	20 00	20 00	.....	65 00	65 00	.....	25 00	20 00	5 00	.....
Gainsboro.....	10 00	3 00	7 00	45 00	2 79	42 21	5 00	.....	5 00	.....
Wardensville.....	4 00	4 00	.....	20 00	9 00	11 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....
Bethel Mission.....	5 00	3 00	2 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	.....
Morgan Mission.....	7 00	2 50	4 50	20 00	3 50	16 50	2 00	.....	2 00	.....
Shenandoah Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$169 00	\$145 23	\$23 77	\$610 00	\$456 22	\$153 78	\$218 00	\$114 65	\$103 35	\$51 42

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS—Continued.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUPERANNUATED FUND.			EDUCATIONAL FUND.			BIBLE.
	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Paid.
Staunton.....	\$20 00	\$20 00	.....	\$65 00	\$65 00	.....	\$20 00	\$20 00	.....	.....
Harrisonburg.....	20 00	20 00	.....	60 00	60 00	.....	20 00	20 00	.....	\$27 08
Shenandoah Iron Works.....	15 00	15 00	.....	40 00	40 00	.....	15 00	15 00	.....	3 00
Mt. Sidney Mission.....	5 00	5 00	.....	35 00	15 00	\$20 00	25 00	12 00	\$13 00	.....
Churchville.....	12 00	10 15	\$1 85	40 00	24 07	15 93	17 00	5 00	12 00	.....
Bridgewater..	12 00	7 00	5 00	40 00	15 00	25 00	17 00	.....	17 00	.....
Sangersville.....	5 00	1 05	3 95	20 00	3 00	17 00	10 00	2 80	7 20	.....
Rockingham Mission.....	7 00	5 00	2 00	25 00	12 00	13 00	9 00	1 50	7 50	.....
East Rockingham.....	8 00	8 00	.....	30 00	30 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Port Republic Mission.....	5 00	5 00	.....	20 00	16 24	3 76	10 00	8 12	1 88	50
Furnace No. 2 Mission.....	10 00	2 00	8 00	40 00	5 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Market.....	10 00	4 00	6 00	30 00	12 75	17 25	10 00	4 25	5 75	.....
Woodstock.....	10 00	7 50	2 50	60 00	38 60	21 40	20 00	4 25	15 75	.....
Strasburg Mission.....	5 00	4 00	1 00	5 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	1 50	50	2 25
Luray.....	6 00	3 00	3 00	30 00	15 00	15 00	10 00	2 00	8 00	.....
	\$150 00	\$116 70	\$33 30	\$540 00	\$355 66	\$184 34	\$195 00	\$106 42	\$88 58	\$32 83

ROANOKE DISTRICT.										
Salem	14 00	14 00	.....	50 00	50 00	.....	18 00	18 00	.....	5 12
Roanoke Circuit	10 00	10 00	.....	40 00	40 00	.....	15 00	15 00	.....	.....
Blacksburg	11 00	4 00	7 00	38 00	12 00	26 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	.....
Christiansburg Mission.. ..	10 00	10 00	.....	38 00	22 00	16 00	14 00	12 00	2 00	.....
Fincastle	14 00	10 00	4 00	50 00	45 00	5 00	18 00	18 00	.....	.....
Lexington Circuit	13 00	6 00	7 00	40 00	24 00	16 00	16 00	8 00	8 00	.....
James River	8 00	8 00	.....	32 00	22 00	10 00	11 00	1 00	10 00	.....
New Castle Mission	5 00	4 00	1 00	18 00	12 60	5 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catawba Mission	5 00	1 00	4 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	6 00	2 00	4 00	.....
Sinking Creek	8 00	7 00	1 00	30 00	14 00	16 00	11 00	3 00	8 00	.....
La Fayette Mission	7 00	3 00	4 00	29 00	10 00	19 00	10 00	2 00	8 00	.....
	\$105 00	\$77 00	\$28 00	\$370 00	\$254 60	\$115 40	\$134 00	\$89 00	\$45 00	\$5 12
LEWISBURG DISTRICT.										
Lewisburg	10 00	10 00	.....	40 00	61 00	.....	20 00	23 10	.....	.....
Frankford	10 00	10 00	.....	40 00	40 00	.....	14 00	14 00	.....	10 00
White Sulphur Mission	5 00	3 00	2 00	8 00	5 00	3 00	6 00	2 00	4 00	.....
White Sulphur Station	5 00	5 00	.....	8 00	8 00	.....	6 00	2 00	4 00	.....
Blue Sulphur	10 00	5 00	5 00	35 00	23 30	11 70	12 00	5 00	7 00	.....
Levelton	10 00	6 40	3 60	35 00	10 00	25 00	10 00	3 00	7 00	.....
Edray Mission	6 00	6 00	.....	15 00	15 00	.....	6 00	6 00	.....	2 00
Green Bank	10 00	5 00	5 00	40 00	20 00	20 00	14 00	7 00	7 00	.....
Centreville	10 00	5 00	5 00	30 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....
Peterstown	3 00	1 00	2 00	15 00	1 50	13 50	4 00	.....	4 00	.....
Union	6 00	2 00	4 00	30 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	6 60	3 40	.....
Summers Mission	4 00	1 35	2 65	15 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	.....
Hillsdale	3 00	3 00	.....	12 00	12 00	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....
Lewisburg District, "Special Contribution."	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Laurel Creek, " " "	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$92 00	\$63 75	\$29 25	\$323 00	\$243 80	\$103 20	\$118 00	\$78 20	\$43 40	\$12 00
Less amount overpaid			1 00			24 00			3 60	
			\$28 25			\$79 20			\$39 80	

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS—Continued.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUPERANNUATED FUND.			EDUCATIONAL FUND.			BIBLE.
	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Paid.
Lexington	\$12 00	\$12 00	.....	\$43 00	\$43 00	.....	\$16 00	\$16 00	.....	.....
Collierstown	9 00	5 00	4 00	32 00	18 10	13 90	11 00	1 00	10 00	1 00
Fairfield	9 00	9 00	.....	32 00	21 50	10 50	11 00	3 50	7 50	1 50
Augusta	9 00	9 00	.....	32 00	26 00	6 00	11 00	11 00	.....	.....
West Augusta Mission	8 00	8 00	.....	29 00	13 00	16 00	11 00	5 00	6 00	.....
Upper Botetourt	9 00	9 00	.....	32 00	26 50	5 50	11 00	2 75	8 25	.....
Covington	9 00	9 00	.....	32 00	20 00	12 00	11 00	8 00	3 00	.....
Monterey	11 00	11 00	.....	40 00	40 00	.....	15 00	15 00	.....	.....
Crab Bottom	8 00	7 00	1 00	29 00	10 00	19 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....
Circleville Mission	4 00	.....	4 00	14 00	.....	14 00	16 00	.....	16 00	.....
Highland	7 00	4 00	3 00	26 00	11 00	15 00	10 00	4 00	6 00	.....
Bath	7 00	2 00	5 00	26 00	4 00	22 00	10 00	1 00	9 00	.....
Green Valley Mission	3 00	.....	3 00	8 00	1 00	7 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....
	\$105 00	\$85 00	\$20 00	\$375 00	\$234 10	\$140 90	\$145 00	\$67 25	\$77 75	\$2 50
MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.										
Moorefield	16 00	11 75	4 75	60 00	60 00	.....	22 00	5 50	16 50	.....
Petersburg Mission	9 00	4 00	5 00	33 00	18 00	15 00	12 00	5 00	7 00	.....
Franklin Mission	10 00	4 00	6 00	36 00	12 00	24 00	13 00	4 35	8 65	.....
Keyser	9 00	6 00	3 00	33 00	10 00	23 00	12 00	2 25	9 75	.....
South Branch	14 00	10 00	4 00	52 00	28 00	24 00	19 00	19 00	.....	.....
Springfield	15 00	15 00	.....	55 00	35 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
North River	6 00	4 00	2 00	21 00	10 00	11 00	8 00	.....	8 00	.....
Hardy Mission	5 00	1 82	3 18	17 00	2 72	14 28	6 00	.....	6 00	.....
Piedmont Station	13 00	6 50	6 50	46 00	23 00	23 00	18 00	5 50	12 50	.....

Frostburg.....	5 00	5 00	.....	19 00	20 00	.....	7 00	7 00	.....	3 00
Listonville.....	5 00	5 00	.....	19 00	6 00	.....	7 00	7 00	.....	.....
Cumberland.....	7 00	.....	7 00	24 00	.....	24 00	9 00	.....	9 00	.....
Flintstone.....	12 00	5 00	7 00	43 00	7 00	36 00	16 00	4 15	11 85	.....
Rainsburg.....	4 00	3 00	1 00	17 00	12 00	5 00	6 00	3 50	2 50	.....
	\$130 00	\$80 57	\$49 43	\$475 00	\$243 72	\$232 28	\$175 00	\$83 25	\$91 75	\$3 00
Less amount overpaid.....						1 00				
						\$231 28				

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS—RECAPITULATION.

NAMES OF DISTRICT.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUPERANNUATED FUND.			EDUCATIONAL FUND.			BIBLE.
	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Paid.
Baltimore.....	\$259 00	\$212 04	\$46 96	\$940 00	\$680 06	\$259 94	\$345 00	\$179 25	\$165 75	\$33 50
East Baltimore.....	253 00	219 00	34 00	905 00	942 34	.....	338 00	198 05	139 95	56 79
Washington.....	280 00	257 30	22 70	1,010 00	852 25	157 75	367 00	316 20	50 80	57 10
Winchester.....	169 00	145 23	23 77	610 00	456 22	153 78	218 00	114 65	103 35	51 42
Rockingham.....	150 00	116 70	33 30	540 00	355 66	184 34	195 00	106 42	88 58	32 83
Roanoke.....	105 00	77 00	28 00	370 00	254 60	115 40	134 00	89 00	45 00	5 12
Lewisburg.....	92 00	63 75	28 25	323 00	243 80	79 20	118 00	78 20	39 80	12 00
Lexington.....	105 00	85 00	20 00	375 00	234 10	140 90	145 00	67 25	77 75	2 50
Moorefield.....	130 00	80 57	49 43	475 00	243 72	231 28	175 00	83 25	91 75	3 00
	\$1543 00	\$1256 59	\$286 41	\$5543 00	\$4262 75	\$1322 59	\$2035 00	\$1232 27	\$802 73	\$254 26
Less amount overpaid.....						37 34				
						\$1285 25				

Total amount received from Bishop's, Superannuated and Educational Funds.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF RECEIPTS.

Bishop's Fund.....	\$1,256 59
Superannuated Fund.....	4,262 75
Educational Fund.....	1,232 27
Collection.....	521 20
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	\$7,272 81
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid to Superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of deceased preachers.....	\$4,625 00
Amount paid Bishops....	1,350 00
Traveling expenses of Bishops.....	50 00
Randolph Macon College.....	1,232 27
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	\$7,257 27
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COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS FOR 1876-1877.

1876.

Superannuated Fund.....	\$4,614 23
Bishop's Fund.....	1,329 37
Educational Fund.....	1,542 39
Collection.....	1,159 38
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	\$8,645 37
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1877.

Superannuated Fund.....	\$4,262 75	Decrease, \$351 48
Bishop's Fund.....	1,256 59	72 78
Educational Fund.....	1,232 27	310 12
Collection.....	521 20	
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	\$7,272 81	

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

BALTO. DISTRICT.		Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.				BAP-TISMS		PROPERTY.			
			Whites.	Add. this year.	Died this year.	Colored.	Children.	Adults.	CHURCH EDIFICES.			
									Number.	Probable value.	Am't raised for Building and improv'g this year.	Present Indebtedness
1	Balto.—Central....	1	148	18	3	..	5	..	1	\$17,500	\$528 11	.....
2	St. Paul's....	..	412	57	7	..	22	..	1	45,000	*3,525 00	.....
3	Emmanuel.	1	197	8	3	..	25	1	1	5,000	800 00	\$800 00
4	Fredk. Ave.	..	60	4	2	..	37	..	..	..	..	..
5	Calvary....	3	125	35	6	..	10	1	2	17,000	700 00	8,000 00
6	Baltimore Circuit..	1	190	8	1	..	24	2	3	7,500	..	..
7	Arlington.....	1	60	7	2	..	4	2	1	5,000	75 00	..
8	Freedom.....	2	105	1	2	..	14	..	2	4,400	..	75 00
9	Linden Mission....	..	60	12	..	..	9	..	1	500	..	..
10	Linganore.....	1	208	24	2	..	10	5	3	6,000	..	..
11	Frederick City....	..	102	5	1	..	5	..	1	14,000	2,188 00	580 00
12	Rockville.....	2	415	37	4	2	18	9	7	13,500	500 00	300 00
13	Darnestown .....	..	31	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
14	Montgomery	1	197	3	3	..	22	1	4	6,000	..	..
15	Beltsville.....	..	120	12	1	1	10	1	4	8,000	100 00	300 00
16	Laurel.....	..	259	34	3	..	40	2	6	8,000	650 00	700 00
17	South River.....	..	179	49	4	..	19	..	4	4,700	..	31 00
18	Bladensburg. ....	..	60	..	2	..	12	..	1	2,500	..	600 00
19	Emory.....	..	50	4	1	..	5	..	1	6,000	..	600 00
20	Upper Marlboro...	..	105	18	..	..	24	..	3	1,500	83 00	..
21	German Mission...	2	72	10	1	..	31	1	1	5,000	1,250 00	4,000 00
E. BALTO. DISTRICT		15	3155	346	48	3	350	25	46½	\$177100	\$10,399 11	\$15 986 00
1	Balto.—Trinity....	1	350	13	6	..	11	..	1	35,000	..	6,000 00
2	E. Balt. Mis. ....	..	101	6	2	..	11	..	1	16,000	68 07	3,823 02
3	N. Balto.....	..	160	11	2	..	13	..	1	4,000	111 49	..
4	Taylor's Circuit ...	..	117	10	2	..	2	2	4	12,000	..	..
5	West Harford.....	..	51	4	..	..	9	3	2	3,700	..	200 00
6	E. Harford Miss....	..	82	3	..	..	13	1	2	3,500	..	..
7	Talbot Mission....	3	246	85	5	..	34	3	4	10,000	300 00	1,500 00
8	Hillsboro Mission...	..	48	..	2	..	6	..	3	4,600	..	..
9	Trappe.....	..	99	49	..	..	9	..	1	4,000	..	..
10	Kent Mission.....	..	106	2	3	..	2	..	2	5,000	..	..
11	Queen Anne's.....	1	339	65	5	..	45	4	7	13,500	400 00	1,000 00
12	Severn.....	..	62	1	2	..	1	..	2	1,700	..	47 00
13	West River.....	..	235	13	4	..	43	..	4	5,500	150 00	..
14	Calvert Mission....	3	285	102	..	..	17	..	6	8,000	500 00	500 00
15	Prince George's....	2	296	3	2	..	33	..	6	5,000	25 00	..
16	Charles. ....	..	227	6	4	..	17	1	5	3,800	196 75	..
			10 2804	373	39	..	266	14	51	\$135300	\$1,751 31	\$1,307 02

*All provided for.

GENERAL STATISTICS.—Continued.

PROPERTY.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
PARSONAGES.				SCHOLARS.					Number in Infant Classes.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions in Schools.	Expenses of Schools.
Number.	Probable value.	Am't raised for building and improv'g this year.	Present Indebtedness	No. of S. S. Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Schs. all ages	No. over 15 years of age.	No. under 15 years of age, except in Infants' Classes					
1	.....	.....	.....	1	23	158	48	50	60	378	....	\$150 00
2	.....	.....	.....	1	45	379	102	164	113	1204	6	378 99
3	.....	.....	.....	1	28	150	30	90	30	375	4	130 00
4	.....	.....	.....	1	13	100	15	45	40	300	2	75 00
5	.....	.....	.....	1	37	214	.....	.....	50	300	3	87 00
6	.....	.....	.....	4	23	230	.....	.....	.....	700	2	143 00
7	.....	.....	.....	1	10	50	13	37	.....	100	3	35 00
8	.....	.....	.....	4	54	146	52	94	.....	830	...	18 85
9	.....	.....	.....	1	8	40	.....	.....	12	100	..	6 00
10	1	\$1,500	.....	5	63	219	53	153	13	763	2	57 75
11	.....	.....	.....	1	17	100	20	30	50	350	....	50 00
12	1	4,000	\$250 00	7	56	287	95	192	.....	1050	13	140 00
13	.....	.....	.....	1	9	37	.....	.....	.....	50	....	11 00
14	.....	.....	.....	6	54	300	120	180	.....	955	....	117 00
15	.....	.....	.....	4	18	92	27	65	.....	395	4	30 00
16	.....	.....	.....	6	71	284	209	75	.....	823	3	.....
17	.....	.....	.....	3	25	64	.....	.....	.....	350	14	27 25
18	1	1,400	50 00	1	14	53	22	19	12	190	....	7 35
19	.....	.....	.....	1	7	47	11	24	12	150	....	50 00
20	.....	.....	.....	2	14	56	.....	56	.....	150	10	18 00
21	.....	.....	.....	2	20	262	43	155	64	.....	4	280 00
				3	609	3268	860	1429	456	9513	70	\$1812 19
1	1	6,000	.....	1	35	335	75	150	110	900	2	420 00
2	.....	.....	.....	1	12	72	20	34	18	265	1	20 00
3	.....	.....	.....	1	18	100	35	65	.....	362	3	90 00
4	.....	.....	.....	3	13	60	10	50	.....	200	.....	.....
5	.....	.....	.....	4	24	145	42	60	43	430	1	23 95
6	1	450	30 00	2	20	95	45	50	.....	400	1	42 00
7	.....	.....	.....	4	42	180	77	57	46	796	2	70 20
8	.....	.....	.....	2	9	50	20	20	10	150	....	18 00
9	.....	.....	.....	1	12	59	19	30	10	170	19	26 98
10	.....	.....	.....	2	11	90	27	63	.....	500	....	7 00
11	1	1,800	180 00	8	60	330	130	200	...	1400	37	180 00
12	.....	.....	.....	1	10	36	.....	36	.....	240	....	.....
13	1	2,500	50 00	4	24	200	70	85	45	1300	....	75 00
14	1	1,030	500 00	4	36	260	100	160	.....	500	10	50 00
15	.....	1,000 00	.....	5	29	157	.....	.....	.....	340	....	24 70
16	.....	.....	.....	2	22	60	.....	.....	.....	250	1	12 32
				5	377	2229	670	1060	282	8203	77	\$1060 15

GENERAL STATISTICS.—Continued.

WASH'N DISTRICT.	Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS		PROPERTY.			
		White.	Adds. this year.	Died this year.	Colored.	Children.	Adults.	CHURCH EDIFICES.			
								Number.	Probable value.	Amount raised for Building and improving this year.	Present Indebtedness.
Washington City—											
1 Mt. Vernon Place ..		295	42	6	..	38	....	1	\$50,000	.....	\$25,000 00
2 Alexandria.....	1	446	12	3	1	34	4	2	15,500	\$3,866 22	1,673 00
3 Fairfax.	2	420	13	4	2	11	8	6	9,000	2,260 00	600 00
4 Falls Church.....	..	164	4	2	..	11	....	2	5,000	225 00	.....
5 Farmwell.....	1	144	5	1	1	5	2	1	250	5 00	.....
6 Leesburg.	1	241	22	3	8	13	4	1	10,000	.....	.....
7 Hamilton & Grove.	2	288	21	4	..	3	15	2	2,000	127 00	182 00
8 Hillsboro..	2	320	28	4	..	..	16	4	4,000	.....	..
9 Loudoun.....	2	549	33	8	..	1	21	6	15,000	.....	.....
10 Piedmont.....	..	348	58	3	1	1	41	5	6,000	.....	.....
11 Warrenton.....	1	255	3	..	1	1	....	3	7,000	.....	.....
12 Linden.....	..	284	..	1	..	3	....	4	3,000	.....	.....
13 Fauquier Mission..	1	373	31	5	..	10	12	6	6,000	330 00	100 00
14 Prince William....	..	183	7	1	1	7	....	3	3,000	.....	40 00
15 Stafford.....	1	334	4	4	..	..	....	4	4,000	30 00	.....
16 Fredericksburg....	..	189	9	3	..	4	3	2	6,500	.....	.....
	14	4833	292	52	15	142	126	52	\$146,250	\$6,843 22	\$27,595 00
WINCHESTER DIST.											
1 Winchester.	2	492	23	6	..	8	6	1	\$4,500	.....	\$75 00
2 Winchester Circ't..	1	414	57	6	..	3	33	3	5,300	.....	.....
3 Cedarville Mission..	..	231	29	1	..	7	14	3½	3,000	.....	430 00
4 Front Royal and Riverton.....	3	160	19	2	..	1	7	1	1,000	.....	.....
5 Warren.....	..	183	4	..	1	..	..	3	2,500	.....	77 00
6 Berryville Mission ..	..	143	11	1	..	12	5	4	2,000	3 00	.....
7 Brucetown.....	..	357	65	3	..	3	29	4	8,000	3,378 00	.....
8 Martinsburg.....	1	134	15	2	..	20	1	1	4,000	.....	.....
9 Berkeley	1	152	19	2	..	6	8	2	4,500	.....	.....
10 Charlestown.....	..	167	5	4	..	5	3	1	4,000	556 00	94 00
11 Jefferson.....	..	165	22	..	..	..	7	..	.....	.....	.....
12 Shepherdstown....	..	318	40	3	..	22	26	3	9,000	300 00	400 00
13 Gainsboro	1	300	60	1	2	..	31	4	3,300	.....	.....
14 Wardensville.....	..	115	31	..	..	2	17	1	2,000	750 00	.....
15 Bethel Mission.....	..	130	23	2	1	..	10	1	500	.....	.....
16 Morgan Mission....	..	121	47	1	..	15	15	2	900	.....	.....
17 Shenandoah Miss..	..	60	..	1	..	10	....	..	.....	.....	.....
18 Frederick Mission..	1	85	..	2	..	1	3	2	2,500	.....	.....
	10	3727	470	37	4	115	215	36½	\$57,000	\$4,988 00	\$1,076 00

GENERAL STATISTICS.—Continued.

PROPERTY.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
PARSONAGES.				SCHOLARS.					Number in Infant Classes.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions in Schools.	Expenses of Schools.
Number.	Probable Value.	Amount raised for building and improving this year.	Present Indebtedness.	No. S. Schools. Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Schl'rs all ages.	Number over 15 years of age.	Number under 15 years age except in Infant classes.					
1				1	36	291			140	732	3	\$307 91
2	1	\$3,000	\$204 31	2	64	480	160	197	123	811	4	386 04
3				9	86	350				750		90 00
4	1	1,800		3	40	160				590		175 00
5			\$1,500 00	4	28	140				400		30 00
6	1	3,800	2,800 00	1	27	166		28	42	300	7	65 00
7	1	1,500		2	30	147				602	12	50 00
8	1	1,000		6	64	295	93	152	50	730	9	25 00
9	1	3,000	2,000 00	9	75	380				1,200	15	150 00
10	1	1,500	60 00	4	40	300				500		
11	1	2,500		2	18	90	30	60		400		20 00
12	1	600	50 00	3	36	135				500		
13				4	32	217			10	650	6	28 30
14				2	10	40	5	35		185	1	3 00
15				5	39	351	196	75	80	250		50 00
16	1	2,500		1	21	156			46	275	3	99 21
10		\$21,200	\$5114 31	58	646	3698	484	547	491	8,875	60	\$1479 46
1				1	46	419	195	85	139	1,081	2	\$147 47
2	1	\$1,800	\$32 32	2	68	269	155	66	48	653	35	82 00
3				5	48	229				456	6	24 65
4				1	17	115	47	38	30	340	3	28 00
5				1	9	50	20	30		75		
6	1	1,800	110 00	6	66	311				617		79 50
7	1	800	7 00	4	43	290	50	180	60	438	23	103 00
8	1	3,000		1	18	125	40	53	32	300	1	45 00
9	1	1,200		2	30	150	36	114		500	12	56 00
10	1	3,500		1	17	60	30	30		350		45 00
11				1	10	90	35	45	10	150		45 00
12	1	2,000		4	51	245				507	19	62 05
13	1	1,000		7	35	300	95	115	90	700		80 00
14			275 00	1	12	65	15	50		325	3	6 25
15				2	12	135	59	76		170	5	23 00
16	1	500	200 00	4	20	120				425	20	2 70
17				2	18	60						
18				2	20	81				280		2 50
9		\$15,600	\$349 32	47	540	3114	777	882	409	7,367	129	\$832 12

*Provided for.

GENERAL STATISTICS—Continued.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.		Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS		PROPERTY.			
			Whites.	Adds. this year.	Deaths this year.	Colored.	Children.	Adults.	Number.	CHURCH EDIFICES.		
										Probable value.	Amount raised for building and improving this year.	Present Indebtedness.
1	Staunton .....	..	349	39	12	..	10	8	2	\$12,000	\$1,030 00	\$2,500 00
2	Harrisonburg .....	..	221	...	2	..	...	...	1	4,000	.....	.....
3	Shend'h Iron Works	1	68	...	1	3	...	...	1	7,000	.....	.....
4	Mount Sidney Miss.	2	205	55	8	..	6	40	3	2,500	276 00	436 00
5	Churchville .....	..	327	72	3	..	10	27	4	3,100	30 00	.....
6	Bridgewater	1	321	23	3	..	3	9	3	4,500	50 00	.....
7	Sangersville .....	..	169	18	1	..	...	10	2	1,200	.....	.....
8	Rockingham Miss..	2	260	55	3	..	8	23	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,900	30 00	200 00
9	East Rockingham..	2	370	93	4	..	13	85	1	1,500	350 00	.....
10	Port Republic Miss.	1	184	40	...	..	10	30	2	1,250	50 00	150 00
11	Furnace No. 2 Miss.	2	205	3	2	..	19	2	4	1,200	35 00	.....
12	New Market .....	..	154	19	5	2	9	14	2	2,100	.....	.....
13	Woodstock .....	..	300	60	2	2	13	23	2	7,000	160 00	650 00
14	Strasburg Miss....	1	134	4	1	..	...	4	2	2,556	600 00	.....
15	Luray	4	364	36	2	..	2	36	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5,000	.....	.....
ROANOKE DISTRICT		16	3631	517	49	7	103	311	36 $\frac{7}{12}$	\$57,806	\$2,611 00	\$3,936 00
1	Salem .....	..	238	48	3	..	22	30	1	3,500	.....	.....
2	Roanoke Circuit...	3	373	53	2	2	12	23	4	6,000	.....	.....
3	Blacksburg	1	158	35	1	..	6	19	2	8,000	.....	75 00
4	Christiansburg .....	..	141	65	1	..	1	31	1	3,000	.....	.....
5	Fincastle .....	..	486	56	5	..	8	22	6	6,900	200 00	.....
6	Lexington Circuit..	..	155	3	1	..	2	...	2	2,500	.....	.....
7	James River .....	..	214	43	1	..	...	22	2	1,700	150 00	.....
8	New Castle Miss...	1	180	72	2	2	17	34	2	2,000	.....	100 00
9	Catawba Miss	1	108	14	3	2	4	13	1	1,200	865 00	222 00
10	Sinking Creek	3	239	75	2	..	...	...	3	3,000	400 00	100 00
11	Lafayette Miss .....	..	198	30	5	..	...	4	4	3,000	.....	.....
LEWISBURG DIST.		9	2490	494	26	6	72	198	28	\$40,800	\$1,615 00	\$497 00
1	Lewisburg	1	203	23	4	..	7	7	1	3,500	300 00	.....
2	Frankford	2	369	105	9	1	23	31	5	5,300	600 00	.....
3	White Sulphur Miss	1	129	28	...	...	4	4	3	2 000	.....	.....
4	White Sulphur Sta.	1	78	12	...	...	...	...	1	5,000	.....	1,200 00
5	Blue Sulphur	1	273	16	2	2	9	20	3	2,000	.....	.....
6	Levelton .....	..	173	51	3	..	21	17	1	2,000	.....	.....
7	Edray Mission	2	148	39	2	10	42	14	...	.....	.....	.....
8	Green Bank .....	..	261	16	1	..	7	3	2	3,500	300 00	.....
9	Centreville	1	294	7	4	..	4	2	4	3,000	250 00	.....
10	Peterstown .....	..	131	13	1	..	...	3	1	200	.....	.....
11	Union .....	..	105	16	2	..	4	1	2	2,200	76 00	.....
12	Summer's Mission..	..	118	7	..	1	...	7	2	500	120 00	.....
13	Hillsdale	1	70	15	...	...	1	6	...	.....	.....	.....
14	Howard's Creek...	..	30	3	...	...	2	1	...	.....	.....	.....
15	Laurel Creek	1	39	2	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
		11	2422	353	28	14	124	120	25	\$29,200	\$1,646 00	\$1,200 00

GENERAL STATISTICS.—Continued.

PROPERTY.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.									
PARSONAGES.				SCHOLARS.						Library.	Conversions in Schools.	Expenses of Schools.	
Number.	Probable Value.	Amount raised for building and improving this year.	Present Indebtedness.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Sch'rs all ages.	Number over 15 years of age	Number under 15 years of age except in Infant classes.	Number in Infant classes.				
1	*2	\$10,500	\$70 00	\$1,400 00	4	78	488	105	200	133	500	26	\$244 21
2	1	2,150	700 00	.....	1	23	189	62	48	79	250	...	141 12
3	1	4,000	.....	.....	1	6	50	20	30	....	200	...	13 50
4	1	200	78 00	70 00	4	38	204	68	136	....	300	...	17 00
5	1	1,000	30 00	550 00	8	68	417	....	....	....	630	25	32 50
6	1	2,000	500 00	600 00	3	40	290	75	120	95	500	8	60 00
7	..	.....	.....	.....	3	30	140	31	89	20	280	....	.....
8	..	.....	.....	.....	7	60	301	110	119	72	499	....	51 58
9	1	2,000	75 00	430 00	7	38	490	96	194	200	350	30	75 00
10	1	700	.....	.....	3	18	125	20	50	55	125	10	50 00
11	1	600	.....	.....	5	35	196	65	131	....	258	....	8 50
12	1	650	.....	100 00	3	36	217	....	....	....	304	5	39 00
13	1	900	25 00	.....	3	47	282	42	91	40	825	35	55 00
14	..	.....	.....	.....	2	28	107	....	....	....	224	5	6 41
15	1	1,000	300 00	110 00	7	61	356	169	187	....	800	....	10 00
13		\$25,700	\$1778 00	\$3,260 00	61	606	3852	863	1,395	694	6,045	144	\$803 82
1	*2	3,500	.....	.....	1	26	152	73	79	....	304	7	90 52
2	1	1,500	.....	.....	5	45	310	....	....	....	500	5	50 00
3	1	1,200	.....	.....	2	30	164	51	78	35	677	17	13 00
4	1	1,500	300 00	\$200 00	1	14	86	45	41	...	50	33	45 00
5	1	1,000	40 00	.....	6	47	335	....	....	24	405	....	70 25
6	1	500	125 00	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 50
7	..	.....	.....	.....	6	31	185	70	115	....	60	18	10 00
8	..	.....	.....	.....	2	15	86	....	....	....	99	3	6 00
9	..	.....	.....	.....	2	14	75	30	35	10	200	6	25
10	1	500	.....	.....	4	25	144	75	51	18	175	36	10 00
11	..	.....	.....	.....	4	36	212	....	....	....	390	....	10 00
8		\$9,700	\$465 00	\$200 00	33	283	1749	344	399	87	2,860	125	\$307 52
1	*2	3,000	\$275 00	.....	2	19	208	100	57	51	.....	19	45 00
2	1	500	100 00	\$150 00	9	85	388	140	188	60	183	33	65 00
3	..	.....	.....	.....	5	20	100	40	60	....	300	....	.....
4	..	.....	.....	.....	1	8	60	30	20	10	.....	.....	.....
5	1	700	103 50	460 00	4	25	152	....	....	....	96	...	1 40
6	1	600	.....	.....	3	22	169	85	51	33	200	24	52 80
7	..	.....	.....	.....	6	41	191	75	66	50	320	13	5 00
8	1	720	.....	100 00	5	31	200	110	70	20	200	12	10 00
9	1	1,500	.....	.....	4	25	183	115	53	15	125	4	13 60
10	..	.....	.....	.....	1	8	40	31	9	....	.....	.....	.....
11	1	1,500	500 00	\$700 00	2	17	95	65	30	....	150	....	6 50
12	..	.....	.....	.....	1	6	30	14	16	....	36	....	.....
13	..	.....	.....	.....	2	10	40	25	15	....	.....	.....	.....
14	..	.....	.....	.....	1	5	20	5	15	....	40	1	.....
15	..	.....	.....	.....	1	5	21	10	11	....	5	....	.....
8		\$8,520	\$978 50	\$1,410 00	47	327	1897	845	661	239	1,655	106	\$199 30

*1 District Parsonage.

‡For District.

§All Provided for.

GENERAL STATISTICS.—Continued.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT.	Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS		PROPERTY.			
		White.	Add. this year.	Died this year.	Colored.	Children.	Adults.	CHURCH EDIFICES.			
								Number.	Probable value.	Amount raised for Building and improving this year.	Present Indebtedness.
1 Lexington.....	..	179	11	1	..	8	5	1	\$7,000	.....	.....
2 Collierstown .....	..	175	10	5	4	1	5	2	3,000	\$25 00	.....
3 Fairfield	1	290	16	3	..	18	4	6	5,000	100 00	\$60 00
4 Augusta .....	..	258	23	3	..	2	12	4	6,000	600 00	230 00
5 W. Augusta Miss..	..	160	50	1	3	1	28	2	1,000	.....	.....
6 Upper Botetourt...	2	196	16	2	..	3	8	2	3,000	24 00	.....
7 Covington	3	236	12	1	..	3	4	6	6,400	75 00	200 00
8 Monterey.....	..	416	160	2	17	12	14	6	5,500	.....	100 00
9 Crab Bottom.....	1	91	33	1	4	8	7	1	1,500	750 00	750 00
10 Circleville Mission.	..	55	..	2	..	7	..	..	.....	.....	.....
11 Highland .....	..	200	70	..	3	51	7	..	.....	.....	.....
12 Bath.....	..	126	..	2	..	..	..	2	500	.....	.....
13 Green Valley Mis..	..	63	11	..	..	7	7	..	.....	.....	.....
MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.		7 2445	412	23	31	121	101	32	\$38,900	\$1,574 00	\$1,340 00
1 Moorefield .....	..	200	26	1	1	16	6	1	\$5,000	.....	.....
2 Petersburg Mission.	1	105	6	4	..	4	4	3	3,000	\$300 00	\$500 00
3 Franklin Mission..	..	265	65	2	2	10	7	1	2,000	.....	.....
4 Keyser.....	3	94	13	..	..	3	1	3	4,000	1,500 00	1,000 00
5 South Branch.....	1	282	40	1	..	9	28	4	5,000	.....	450 00
6 Springfield.....	2	252	62	4	..	25	41	5	6,000	25 00	.....
7 North River	3	159	..	3	1	1	..	4	1,300	.....	.....
8 Hardy Mission....	2	83	5	..	1	8	2	1	300	.....	.....
9 Piedmont Station..	3	158	18	..	..	15	2	2	6,700	700 00	2,924 00
10 Frostburg	1	71	28	1	..	31	5	2	3,500	39 30	42 00
11 Listonville .....	..	100	14	1	..	..	9	2	3,500	378 00	.....
12 Cumberland.....	..	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
13 Flint Stone.....	1	141	17	1	..	7	3	4	3,600	600 00	740 00
14 Rainsburg.....	..	75	20	..	..	39	7	1	600	.....	.....
		17 2055	314	18	5	168	115	33	\$44,500	\$3,542 30	\$5,656 00

GENERAL STATISTICS.—Continued.

PROPERTY.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
PARSONAGES.				SCHOLARS.						Library. Volumes in	Schools. Conversions in	Schools. Expenses of
Number.	Probable Value.	Amount raised for building and improving this year.	Present Indebtedness.	No. S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Schl'rs all ages.	Number over 15 years of age.	Number under 15 years age except in Infant classes.	Number in Infant Classes.			
1				1	24	135				350		\$20 34
2	1	\$800	\$10 00	3	18	140	75	50	15	4	6	10 00
3				6	34	174				350	2	32 00
4	1	600	60 00	3	41	212	84	81	47	376	4	55 00
5	1	800		4	16	111	39	72		110		5 30
6	1	600	48 00	2	14	100	58	31	11	240	6	12 00
7	1	1,500	40 00	4	22	140	38	80	22	300	2	15 00
8	1	1,100	300 00	7	72	361	167	130	64	567	76	76 00
9	1	450		2	22	140				100	16	9 00
10												
11				4	24	120	62	58		100	4	2 00
12	1	500		3	12	90				300	1	
13												
	8	\$6,350	\$458 00	39	299	1723	523	502	159	2,797	117	\$236 64
1	1	\$3,000	\$321 00	1	11	70	20	30	20	150		\$19 75
2				1	4	19	8	7	4	15	1	1 50
3	1	750	75 00	5	50	289				384	28	38 75
4				4	36	178	47	105	26	400	5	40 00
5	1	1,000		4	22	105	59	29	17	474	6	12 90
6	1	1,200	\$500 00	6	32	223	96	127		1,230	11	40 00
7				2	12	70				200		
8				3	21	109	53	35	21	109	2	
9				2	22	145	25	60	35	450		70 72
10				2	20	121	16	74	31	340	10	45 87
11				3	22	118				240	5	33 00
12												
13	1	1,000	650 00	3	24	177				210	15	4 50
14				2	10	29	7	8	14	40	2	7 70
	5	\$6,950	\$396 00	38	286	1653	331	475	168	4,242	85	\$314 69

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.						BAP- TISMS.	PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
									CHURCH EDIFICES.				PARSONAGES.				SCHOLARS.								
Whites.	Additions this Year.	Died this Year.	Colored.	Children.	Adults.	Number.	Probable Value.	Amount raised for Building and Improving this Year.	Present Indebtedness.	Number.	Probable Value.	Amount raised for Building and Improving this Year.	Present Indebtedness.	Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total Number of Scholars all Ages.	Number over 15 Years of Age.	Number under 15 years of age, except in Infant Classes.	Number in Infant Classes.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions in Schools.	Expenses of Schools.			
Baltimore.....	15	3,155	346	48	3	350	25	46½	\$177,100	\$10,399 11	\$15,986 00	3	\$6,900	\$300 00	\$2,500 00	54	609	3,268	860	1,429	456	9,513	70	\$1,812 19	
East Baltimore.....	10	2,804	373	39	..	266	14	51	135,300	1,751 31	13,070 02	5	11,780	1,760 00	1,580 00	45	377	2,229	670	1,060	282	8,203	77	1,060 15	
Washington.....	14	4,833	292	52	15	142	126	52	146,250	6,843 22	27,595 00	10	21,200	5,114 31	5,475 00	58	646	3,698	484	547	491	8,875	60	1,479 46	
Winchester.....	10	3,727	470	37	4	115	215	36½	57,000	4,988 00	1,076 00	9	15,600	349 32	3,150 07	47	540	3,114	777	882	409	7,367	129	832 12	
Rockingham.....	16	3,631	517	49	7	103	311	36½	57,806	2,611 00	3,936 00	13	25,700	1,778 00	3,260 00	61	606	3,852	863	1,395	694	6,045	144	803 82	
Roanoke.....	9	2,490	494	26	6	72	198	28	40,800	1,615 00	497 00	8	9,700	465 00	200 00	33	283	1,749	344	399	87	3,860	125	307 52	
Lewisburg.....	11	2,422	353	23	14	124	120	25	29,200	1,646 00	1,200 00	8	8,520	978 50	1,410 00	47	327	1,897	845	661	239	1,655	106	199 30	
Lexington.....	7	2,445	412	23	31	121	101	32	38,900	1,574 00	1,340 00	8	6,350	458 00	260 00	39	299	1,723	523	502	159	2,797	117	236 64	
Moorefield.....	17	2,055	314	18	5	168	115	33	44,500	3,542 30	5,656 00	5	6,950	396 00	1,150 00	38	286	1,653	331	475	168	4,242	85	314 69	
This Year.....	109	27,562	3571	320	85	1461	1225	340½	\$726,856	\$34,969 94	\$70,356 02	69	\$112,700	\$11,599 13	\$18,985 07	422	3973	23,183	5697	7350	2985	51,557	913	\$7,045 89	
Last Year.....	100	26,765			89	1431	1703	306	720,600			61	102,800			430	3302	23,001				53,906	1237	7,563 99	
Increase.....	9	797				30		34½	\$6,256			8	\$9,900				171	182					2,349	374	\$518 10
Decrease.....					4	478										8									

Comparative Statistics of the Baltimore Conference of the years since its connection with the M. E. Church, South.

Year.	WHERE CONFERENCE WAS HELD.	Local Preachers.	Traveling Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		
									Bishops' Fund.	Superan'd Fund.	For Missions.
1866	Alexandria, Virginia..	57	108	11,189	627	219	2,084	12,194	.....	\$295 49	.....
1867	Trinity Church, Baltimore.....	77	142	16,417	515	287	2,766	15,563	.....	1,025 00	451 12
1868	Central Church, Baltimore.....	102	155	19,369	254	316	2,967	16,983	962 05	2,150 00	3,814 00
1869	Trinity Church, Baltimore	107	162	21,041	176	350	3,271	17,985	1,420 00	2,950 00	4,168 99
1870	St Paul's, Baltimore.....	104	169	21,616	132	354	3,260	17,962	1,137 37	2,496 00	4,438 77
1871	Salem, Virginia.....	104	176	22,196	69	383	3,474	19,291	1,269 00	2,592 97	4,158 36
1872	Warrenton, Virginia.....	102	170	23,095	103	394	3,568	19,677	1,236 00	3,015 00	4,530 57
1873	Trinity Church, Baltimore.....	100	181	23,451	63	377	3,436	20,179	1,531 75	3,975 00	4,302 03
1874	Staunton, Virginia.....	105	186	24,132	76	407	3,599	21,417	1,456 25	4,100 00	5,195 00
1875	Mt. Vernon Place, Washington, D. C....	103	189	25,165	89	430	3,802	23,001	1,412 00	4,550 00	5,965 43
1876	Winchester.....	100	197	26,765	89	422	3,973	23,183	1,420 00	5,100 00	7,634 81
1877	Alexandria, Virginia.....	109	196	27,562	85				1,258 59	4,625 00	7,722 25

	Local Preachers.	Traveling Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.		Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Comparative Statement of year 1866.....	57	108	11,189	627	Year 1867..	219	2,084	12,194
with year 1877.....	109	196	27,562	85	Year 1876.....	422	3,973	23,183
Increase in 11 years.....	52	88	16,373		Increase.....	202	1,889	10,989
Decrease				542				

INCREASE OF WORK IN MARYLAND.

	1866	1877	Increase. in 11 yrs.
Number of Local Preachers.....	2.....	27.....	25
Number of effective Traveling Preachers	11.....	53.....	42
Number of Pastoral Charges Occupied.....	14.....	38.....	24
Number of Members in Maryland.....	610.....	6,416.....	5,806
Number of Members reported in Baltimore.....	100	1,553.....	1,453
Church Edifices held by M E Church, South, in Md.	7.....	106½.....	99½
Number of Church Edifices in Baltimore.....	.....	8.....	8

INCREASE OF WORK IN VIRGINIA AND WEST VA.

	1866	1877	Increase. in 11 yrs.
Number of Local Preachers.....	54.....	82.....	28
Number of Traveling Preachers, Effective and Sup'y.....	71.....	125.....	54
Number of Pastoral Charges.....	59.....	96	37
Number of Members... ..	10,579.....	21,308.....	10,729
Number of Churches.....	.....	242½.....	

Increase and Decrease in Maryland the last year, ending March, 1877.

	1876	1877	Increase.	Decrease.
Number of Local Preachers	28....	27....	....	1
Number of Effective Travel'g Preachers	51....	53....	2	
Number of Pastoral Charges.....	40....	38....	....	2
Number of Members in Maryland.....	6553 ...	6416....	....	137
Number of Members in Baltimore.....	1725....	1553....	...	172
Number of Church Edifices in Md.....	93....	106½....	13½	
Number of Church Edifices in Balto...	8....	8....	....
Number of Sunday Schools.....	114....	110 ...	....	4
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	1047....	1099....	52	
Number of Scholars.....	6487....	6233....	....	254

Increase and Decrease of the work in Virginia and West Virginia, for the last year ending March, 1877.

	1876	1877	Increase.	Decrease.
Local Preachers.....	81....	82....	1....	
Effective and Sup'y Preachers.....	129....	125....	....	4
Pastoral Charges....	98....	96....	....	2
Members.	20802...	21308....	506....	
Churches.....	211....	233½....	22½....	
Sunday Schools.....	317...	312....	....
Sunday School Teachers.....	2755...	2874....	119....	
Sunday School Scholars.....	16514...	16850....	336....	

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT. (E. F. Busey, P. E.)	PREACHER'S ALLOWANCE.						PRESID'G ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.
	Salary.		House Rent.		Trav. Expenses							
	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
Central, John A. Kern.	\$1,350 00	\$1,350 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$180 00	\$180 00	\$1,530 00	\$1,530 00	.....	\$10 33
St. Pauls, S. K. Cox.	1,500 00	1,500 00	\$450 00	\$450 00	.....	.....	180 00	180 00	2,130 00	2,130 00	.....	5 16
Emmanuel, J. Hannon.	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00	950 00	950 00	.....	4 82
Frederick Ave., B. S. Highly..	600 00	461 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00	35 00	670 00	496 36	\$173 64	8 27
Calvary, H. H. Kennedy.	1,200 00	1,150 00	383 33	383 33	.....	.....	120 00	115 00	1,703 33	1,648 33	55 00	13 18
Baltc. Cir., J. Landstreet.	500 00	500 00	120 00	120 00	.....	.....	80 00	80 00	700 00	700 00	.....	3 68
Arlington, B. R. Wi burn.	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00	575 00	575 00	.....	9 58
Freedom, D. Bush.	550 00	477 95	84 00	84 00	.....	.....	90 00	76 00	724 00	637 95	86 05	6 07
Linden Miss., C. G. Lintlicum.	300 00	134 00	.....	.....	\$18 00	.....	60 00	26 00	378 00	160 00	218 00	2 73
Linganore, W. R. Stringer.	565 00	565 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	105 00	105 00	670 00	670 00	.....	3 22
Frederick City, G. T. Tyler.	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	80 00	980 00	980 00	.....	9 61
Rockville, { J. C. Dice.	900 00	900 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	170 00	170 00	1,370 00	1,370 00	.....	3 30
Rockville, { C. M. Brown.	300 00	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Darnestown Miss., J. P. Hall..	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery, { W. A. Wade	700 00	344 43	100 00	49 21	3 20	.....	110 00	54 12	1,063 20	521 57	541 63	2 64
Montgomery, { L. L. Lloyd.	150 00	73 81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beltsville, P. B. Smith.	800 00	461 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	105 00	69 78	905 00	531 65	373 35	4 43
Laurel, { I. W. Canter.	700 00	535 07	.....	.....	.....	.....	115 00	87 64	1,215 00	928 46	286 54	3 58
Laurel, { W. E. Miller.	400 00	305 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. River, W. A. McDonald.	600 00	574 19	60 00	60 00	.....	.....	90 00	87 00	750 00	721 19	28 81	4 03
Bladensburg, J. W. Ewan.	750 00	593 05	Par.	.....	.....	.....	45 00	38 07	795 00	631 12	163 88	10 52
Emory, J. A. Regester.	430 00	378 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00	61 55	500 00	439 58	60 42	8 79
U. Marlboro, W. R. McNeer.	505 00	441 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	39 33	550 00	480 33	69 67	4 57
Ger. Miss., E. N. S. Blogg. ....	.....	31 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	56 25	overpaid	78
	\$15,000 00	\$13,276 76	\$1197 33	\$1146 54	\$21 20		\$1,965 00	\$1,734 49	\$18,183 53	\$16,157 79	\$2052 99	\$5 12

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT. (D. Ball, P. E.)	PREACHER'S ALLOWANCE.						PRESID'G ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.
	Salary.		House Rent.		Trav. Expenses		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.						
Trinity, W. W. Walker.	\$2,500 00	\$2,500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$320 00	\$320 00	\$2,820 00	\$2,820 00	.....	\$8 06
E. Balto. Miss., L. W. Haslup.	400 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	60 00	460 00	460 00	.....	4 55
N. Balto., S. W. Haddaway...	900 00	841 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00	80 00	990 00	921 00	69 00	5 75
Taylor's Cir., { T. W. Brown..	700 00	377 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	130 00	70 07	980 00	528 28	451 72	4 51
{ W. A. Williams	150 00	80 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Harford, J. W. Steele.....	350 00	244 38	36 00	36 00	.....	.....	50 00	34 92	436 00	315 30	120 70	6 18
E. Harford Miss., G. W. Lightner	533 33	335 42	48 00	48 00	.....	.....	50 00	37 00	631 33	420 42	210 91	5 13
Talbot Miss., { R. Smithson...	900 00	603 38	200 00	200 00	.....	.....	100 00	67 03	1,350 00	970 96	379 04	3 95
{ A. M. Cackley.	150 00	100 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hillsboro Miss., S. F. Butt....	425 00	290 00	60 00	60 00	25 00	25 00	100 00	68 90	610 00	443 90	166 10	9 24
Trappe, B. W. Bond.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	80 00	580 00	580 00	.....	5 84
Kent Miss., F. A. Mercer.....	500 00	340 15	98 00	98 00	55 00	55 00	100 00	77 00	753 00	570 15	182 85	5 38
Queen Anne, { W. W. Watts.	750 00	632 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00	173 00	1,150 00	973 29	176 71	2 81
{ C. E. Simmons.	200 00	167 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Severn, R. M. Williams	400 00	166 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00	38 43	470 00	204 45	265 55	3 29
W. River, { E. H. Henry.....	700 00	700 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	165 00	125 00	965 00	925 00	40 00	3 93
{ G. S. Lightner...	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calvert Miss. { C. L. Torreyson	600 00	475 10	60 00	31 16	43 00	43 00	155 00	122 73	1,015 00	797 76	217 24	2 79
{ C. M. Haddaway	150 00	118 77	.....	.....	7 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prince Geo., { A. A. P. Neale.	830 00	644 79	.....	.....	39 50	39 50	200 00	135 79	1,219 50	927 54	291 96	3 47
{ W. A. Bryan..	150 00	107 46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charles, { H. W. Kinzer.....	600 00	531 86	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00	110 80	775 00	687 66	87 34	3 02
{ J. W. Shreve.....	50 00	45 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$12,538 33	\$10,302 38	\$502 00	\$473 16	\$169 50	\$169 50	\$1,995 00	1,600 67	\$15,204 83	\$12,545 71	\$2,659 12	\$4 47

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT. (N. Head, P. E.)	PREACHER'S ALLOWANCE.						PRESID'G ELDER'S		TOTAL FOR MINISTE-		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.
	Salary.		House Rent.		Trav. Expenses		CLAIM.		RIAL SUPPORT.			
	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
Mt. Vernon Pl., A. W. Wilson.	\$2,200 00	\$2,200 00	\$600 00	\$600 00	.....	.....	\$190 00	\$190 00	\$2,990 00	\$2,990 00	.....	#10 13
Alexandria, J. H. Waugh. ...	1,450 00	1,266 07	Par.	.....	.....	.....	195 00	170 77	1,645 00	1,436 84	\$208 16	3 22
Fairfax, { C. A. Joyce.....	720 00	600 00	112 00	112 00	.....	.....	100 00	84 75	1,132 00	966 25	165 75	2 30
{ J. W. Shoaff.....	200 00	169 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Falls Church, W. G. Hammond	700 00	700 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00	775 00	775 00	.....	4 11
Farmwell, O. C. Beall.....	300 00	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00	350 00	350 00	.....	2 43
Leesburg, J. S. Gardner.....	850 00	850 00	Par.	.....	\$4 50	4 50	105 00	105 00	959 50	959 50	.....	3 98
Ham'n & Gr'Ve, L. H. Crenshaw	800 00	730 00	"	.....	.....	.....	90 00	80 00	890 00	810 00	80 00	2 81
Hillsboro, { L. R. Jones.....	600 00	553 65	"	.....	.....	.....	96 00	88 59	796 00	734 52	61 48	2 29
{ F. M. Strother ..	100 00	92 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loudoun, { T. E. Carson....	1,000 00	934 28	Par.	.....	.....	.....	220 00	205 00	1,455 00	1,346 78	108 22	2 45
{ Assist. Preacher.	235 00	207 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piedmont, { J. H. Dulany....	700 00	580 80	Par.	.....	7 00	7 00	100 00	83 00	907 00	753 80	153 20	2 16
{ L. R. Green.....	100 00	83 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warrenton, J. Higgins.....	750 00	650 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	100 00	87 50	850 00	737 50	112 50	2 89
Linden, Jno. O. Tackett.. ...	403 30	383 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 00	55 00	458 30	438 10	20 20	1 54
Fauquier Miss., { L. H. Gaver.	600 00	449 25	60 00	20 00	.....	.....	80 00	59 75	890 00	640 00	250 00	1 71
{ L. H. Gaver.	150 00	111 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prince William, R. Smith....	600 00	310 63	84 00	.....	25 00	.....	48 00	38 25	757 00	348 88	408 12	1 90
Stafford, J. H. Temple.....	400 00	269 00	50 00	50 00	25 00	25 00	80 00	55 00	555 00	399 00	156 00	1 19
Fredericksb'g, J. E. Armstrong	1,000 00	1,000 00	Par.	.....	65 00	65 00	115 00	115 00	1,180 00	1,180 00	.....	6 24
	\$13,858 30	\$12,440 06	\$906 00	\$782 00	\$126 50	\$101 50	\$1,699 00	\$1,542 61	\$16,589 80	\$14,866 17	\$1723 13	\$3 07

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT. (S. Register, P. E.)	PREACHER'S ALLOWANCE.						PRESID'G ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.
	Salary.		House Rent.		Trav. Expenses		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.						
Winchester Sta., S. Rodgers..	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$175 00	\$175 00	.....	.....	\$150 00	\$150 00	\$1,325 00	\$1,325 00	.....	\$2 69
Winchst'r Cir., W.G.Eggleston	800 00	800 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	110 00	110 00	910 00	910 00	.....	2 19
Cedarville Miss., R. H. Wilson.	400 00	400 00	.....	.....	\$35 00	\$35 00	80 00	80 00	515 00	515 00	.....	2 23
Frederick Miss., G. Stevenson.	250 00	228 82	50 00	.....	25 00	.....	75 00	52 80	400 00	281 62	\$118 38	3 31
F.Royal & Rivert'n, W.C.Maloy	700 00	700 00	.....	.....	33 00	33 00	90 00	90 00	823 00	823 00	.....	5 14
Warren, J. W. Shoaff.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00	150 00	150 00	.....	81
Berryville Miss., A. B. Dolly..	500 00	419 32	Par.	.....	.....	.....	80 00	67 00	580 00	486 32	93 68	3 40
Brucetown { S. Townsend....	700 00	672 48	"	.....	.....	.....	110 00	105 69	895 00	859 82	35 18	2 40
{ R.S Cunningham	85 00	81 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Martinsburg, L. C. Miller....	600 00	454 22	Par.	.....	.....	.....	100 00	65 25	700 00	519 47	180 53	3 87
Berkeley, J. W. Wolff.....	600 00	481 00	"	.....	6 00	6 00	90 00	70 00	696 00	557 00	139 00	3 6
Charlestown, S. G. Furguson..	700 00	635 00	"	.....	.....	.....	100 00	90 00	800 00	725 00	75 00	4 22
Jefferson, J. L. Kibler.....	350 00	227 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	48 00	410 00	275 83	134 17	1 67
Shepherdstown, J. L. Shipley.	800 00	729 15	Par.	.....	.....	.....	140 00	129 35	940 00	858 50	81 50	2 69
Gainsboro, { H. A. Wilson....	203 00	165 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	90 00	73 15	313 00	254 41	58 59	84
{	20 00	16 26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wardensville, L. G. Martin...	288 00	290 00	32 00	32 00	9 00	7 00	40 00	40 00	369 00	369 00	.....	3 20
Bethel Mission, A. H. Way...	300 00	150 00	30 00	20 00	30 00	15 00	50 00	25 00	410 00	210 00	200 00	1 61
Morgan Mission, W. M. Hiner	350 00	215 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	30 00	410 00	245 63	164 37	2 03
Shenandoah Miss., S. Brown..	75 00	62 51	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	5 27	125 00	67 78	57 22	1 12
	\$8,821 00	\$7,828 87	\$287 00	\$227 00	\$138 00	\$96 00	\$1,525 00	\$1,281 51	\$10 771 00	\$9,433 38	\$1337 62	\$2 53

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT. (D. Thomas, P. E.)	PREACHER'S ALLOWANCE.						PRESID'G ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.
	Salary.		House Rent.		Trav. Expenses		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.						
Staunton, J. S. Martin	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	\$140 00	\$140 00	\$1,640 00	\$1,640 00	.....	\$4 71
Harrisonburg, S. S. Rozzell...	800 00	820 00	"	.....	\$7 45	\$7 45	130 00	130 00	937 45	957 45	overpaid	4 34
Shen. Iron Works, G. B. Allen	600 00	600 00	"	.....	.....	.....	80 00	80 00	680 00	680 00	.....	10 00
Mt. Sidney Miss., L. C. Grabill	500 00	404 82	"	.....	40 00	40 00	70 00	70 00	610 00	514 82	\$95 18	2 52
Churchville, { W. H. Wilson.	800 00	479 15	"	.....	.....	.....	80 00	47 91	980 00	586 96	393 04	1 80
{ G. D. T. Collins	100 00	59 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridgewater, G. Mauzey.	525 00	525 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	85 00	85 00	610 00	610 00	.....	1 90
Sangersville, F. Furr.....	285 00	236 23	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	30 00	315 00	266 23	48 77	1 57
Rocking'm Mis. { J. T. Maxwell	410 00	272 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 00	50 00	570 00	385 89	184 11	1 48
{ W. B. Dorsey.	105 00	63 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. Rockingham, F. A. Strother	600 00	600 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	65 00	65 00	665 00	665 00	.....	1 79
Port Republic Miss., A. Robey	400 00	400 00	"	.....	37 00	.....	30 00	30 00	467 00	430 00	37 00	2 33
Furnace No. 2 Miss., L. Fox..	250 00	150 00	"	.....	.....	.....	30 00	13 00	280 00	163 00	117 00	79
New Market, C. L. Dameron..	500 00	474 66	"	.....	.....	.....	50 00	49 05	550 00	523 71	26 29	3 40
Woodstock, G. G. Brooke...	575 00	483 66	"	.....	32 23	32 23	85 00	65 95	692 23	581 84	110 39	1 93
Strasburg Miss., F. H. Richey.	375 00	239 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	19 13	405 00	258 29	146 71	1 92
Luray, { M. G. Balthis	600 00	521 47	\$75 00	\$75 00	30 00	30 00	40 00	35 50	870 00	770 87	99 13	2 39
{ Dan'l L. Bush.	125 00	108 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$9,050 00	\$7,938 84	\$75 00	\$75 00	\$146 68	\$109 68	\$1,000 00	\$910 54	\$10,271 68	\$9,034 06	\$1257 62	\$2 48

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

ROANOKE DISTRICT. (R. R. S. Hough, P. E.)	PREACHER'S ALLOWANCE.						PRESID'G ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.
	Salary.		House Rent.		Trav. Expenses		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.						
Salem, J. W. Duffy	\$750 00	\$750 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	\$143 00	\$143 00	\$893 00	\$893 00	.....	\$3 75
Roanoke Cir. { J. J. Engle....	546 00	444 20	"	.....	.....	.....	114 00	100 51	744 50	614 42	\$130 08	1 64
{ J. H. Davidson	84 50	69 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blacksburg, A. Weller.....	575 00	552 43	Par.	.....	\$35 00	.....	114 00	103 24	724 00	655 67	68 33	4 15
Christiansb'g Mis., J. H. March	475 00	371 76	"	.....	.....	.....	114 00	87 70	589 00	459 46	129 54	3 25
Fincastle, { J. M. Follansbee.	576 25	576 25	"	.....	.....	.....	143 00	143 00	859 25	859 25	.....	1 76
{ A E Bradenbaugh	140 00	140 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lexington Cir., W. O. Ross...	600 00	308 27	Par.	.....	40 00	40 00	120 00	61 65	760 00	409 92	350 08	2 64
James River, W. W. Hedrick.	327 00	210 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	91 00	58 61	418 00	269 24	148 76	1 25
New Castle Miss., R. Ross....	250 00	143 49	..	.....	.....	.....	52 00	29 85	302 00	173 34	128 66	90
Catawba Miss., J. T. Smith...	110 00	88 46	.....	.....	30 00	2 00	45 00	31 50	185 00	121 96	63 04	1 03
Sinking Creek, F. H. Shipley.	415 00	302 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 00	62 00	500 00	364 00	136 00	1 52
Lafayette Miss., L. Butt.....	357 85	272 90	\$72 00	\$54 90	16 15	12 30	79 00	60 30	525 00	400 40	124 60	2 02
	\$5,206 60	\$4,230 10	\$72 00	\$54 90	\$121 15	\$54 30	\$1,100 00	\$881 36	\$6,499 75	\$5,220 66	\$1279 09	\$2 09

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT. (W. G. Coe, P. E.)	PREACHER'S ALLOWANCE.						PRESID'G ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTE- RIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.
	Salary.		House Rent.		Trav. Expenses							
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
Lewisburg, A. P. Boude.....	\$700 00	\$627 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	\$150 00	\$134 35	\$850 00	\$761 35	\$88 65	\$3 74
Frankford, { W. L. Lynch....	500 00	500 00	"	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00	800 00	800 00	.....	2 16
{ H. S. Coe.	150 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Sulphur Mis., J. W. Canter	200 00	151 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	19 00	225 00	170 00	55 00	1 31
W. Sulphur Sta., V. W. Wheeler	500 00	312 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 00	40 00	565 00	352 25	212 75	4 51
B. Sulphur, { J. T. Williams...	450 00	213 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	135 00	64 00	735 00	348 00	387 00	1 23
{ H. C. Calwell....	150 00	71 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Levelton, J. R. VanHorne....	525 00	525 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00	675 00	675 00	.....	3 90
Edray Miss., R. M. Wheeler ..	175 00	146 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	50 00	235 00	196 18	38 82	1 32
Greenbank, H. M. Strickler...	420 00	344 41	Par.	.....	.....	.....	120 00	98 40	540 00	442 18	97 19	1 69
Centreville, J. J. Crickenberger	400 00	400 00	"	.....	\$14 50	\$14 50	100 00	100 00	514 50	514 50	.....	1 75
Peterstown, W. H. Sanders ..	150 00	102 38	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	40 94	210 00	143 32	66 68	1 08
Union, H C Pitzer.....	500 00	500 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00	600 00	600 00	.....	5 61
Summers Mis., A. C. Gearhart.	200 00	137 21	\$60 00	\$37 84	20 00	.....	70 00	40 00	350 00	215 05	134 95	1 82
Hillsdale, O. F. Burgess.....	200 00	81 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	24 00	260 00	105 00	155 00	1 50
Laurel Creek, A. F. Ballantine	70 00	70 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00	70 00	.....	2 33
	\$5,290 00	\$4,330 43	\$60 00	\$37 84	\$34 50	\$14 50	\$1,245 00	\$1,010 69	\$6,629 50	\$5,393 46	\$1236 04	\$2 17

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT. (Jno. L. Gilbert, P. E.)	PREACHER'S ALLOWANCE.						PRESID'G ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTE- RIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.
	Salary.		House Rent.		Trav. Expenses							
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
Lexington Sta., W. K. Boyle.	\$1,000 00	\$849 21	\$200 00	\$150 00	.....	.....	\$150 00	\$127 38	\$1,350 00	\$1,126 59	223 41	\$6 29
Collierstown, S. B. Dolly.....	400 00	283 72	Par.	.....	\$10 00	.....	110 00	78 03	520 00	361 75	158 25	2 06
Fairfield { F. Briley.....	400 00	235 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	110 00	64 70	685 00	403 25	281 75	1 39
{ J. K. Gilbert.....	175 00	103 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Augusta, { B. F. Ball.....	600 00	500 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	110 00	94 00	860 00	734 00	126 00	2 85
{ M. P. Scanlon.....	150 00	140 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W Augusta Mis., J. S. Porter.	425 00	133 52	Par.	.....	.....	.....	100 00	31 41	525 00	164 93	360 07	1 02
Upper Botetourt, J. H. Boyd.	600 00	370 17	"	.....	.....	.....	110 00	67 85	710 00	438 02	271 98	2 23
Covington, W. T. Quinn.....	600 00	415 32	"	.....	.....	.....	110 00	76 14	710 00	491 46	218 54	2 07
Monterey, { A. Q. Flaherty...	500 00	500 00	"	.....	.....	.....	140 00	140 00	780 00	780 00	.....	1 87
{ A. O. Armstrong	140 00	140 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crab Bottom, J. F. Follin....	300 00	300 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00	400 00	400 00	.....	4 38
Circleville Miss., Jno. C. Jones	50 00	14 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	14 72	100 00	29 44	70 56	1 81
Highland, H. D. Bishop.....	305 00	262 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00	77 38	395 00	339 63	55 37	1 69
Bath, S. S. Ryder.	425 00	155 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	90 00	33 00	515 00	188 00	327 00	1 49
Green Valley Mis., W. Varner.	170 00	90 10	20 00	20 00	.....	\$25 50	30 00	15 90	220 00	156 00	94 00	2 00
	\$6,240 00	\$4,492 56	\$220 00	\$170 00	\$10 00	\$25 50	\$1,300 00	\$920 51	\$7,770 00	\$5,608 07	\$2186 93	\$2 28

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONCLUDED.

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT. (P. Whisner, P. E.)	PREACHER'S ALLOWANCE.						PRESID'G ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTE- RIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.
	Salary.		House Rent.		Trav. Expenses		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.						
Moorefield, G. H. Zimmerman	\$700 00	\$700 00	Par.	.....	\$25 00	\$25 00	\$125 00	\$125 00	\$850 00	\$850 00	.....	\$4 25
Petersburg Miss., A. Boone...	275 00	181 32	.....	.....	18 00	18 00	70 00	46 00	363 00	245 32	117 68	2 33
Franklin Mis, { J. C. Sedwick	400 00	337 01	Par.	.....	.....	.....	75 00	63 25	575 00	484 76	90 24	1 82
{ W. E. Woolfe	100 00	84 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Keyser, W. Hammond.....	400 00	350 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00	67 50	470 00	417 50	52 50	4 44
S. Branch, { J. S. Hutchinson.	600 00	600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	110 00	110 00	860 00	860 00	.....	3 05
{ E. G. Vandiver..	150 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Springfield, { J. H. Wolff....	500 00	500 00	Par.	.....	.....	.....	115 00	115 00	742 50	742 50	.....	2 94
{ H. P. Hamill...	127 50	127 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North River, J. N. Gray.....	225 00	154 49	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	30 90	270 00	185 39	84 61	1 69
Hardy Miss., A. C. McNeer...	150 00	113 91	\$25 00	\$18 99	.....	.....	35 00	26 58	210 00	159 48	50 52	1 92
Piedmont Sta., W. H. Seat...	1,000 00	849 10	.....	.....	35 00	.....	100 00	79 93	1,135 00	929 03	205 97	5 88
Frostburg, T. G. Nevitt.....	250 00	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	40 00	290 00	290 00	.....	4 08
Listonville, L. R. Markwood..	200 00	182 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	36 50	240 00	219 00	21 00	2 19
Cumberland, J. A. Regester,..	166 00	166 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	8 55	216 00	174 55	41 45	2 49
Flint Stone, S. R. Snapp.....	650 00	486 71	Par.	.....	.....	.....	90 00	67 40	740 00	554 11	185 89	3 93
Rainsburg, J. R. Andrew	275 00	231 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	28 91	310 00	260 04	49 96	3 46
	\$6,168 50	\$5,464 17	\$25 00	\$18 99	\$78 00	\$43 00	\$1,000 00	\$845 52	\$7,221 50	\$6,371 68	\$899 82	\$3 10

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—RECAPITULATION.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	PREACHER'S ALLOWANCE.						PRESID'G ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member
	House Rent.		Salary.		Trav. Expenses.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.						
Baltimore District....	\$15,000 00	\$13,276 76	\$1,197 33	\$1,146 54	\$21 20	.....	\$1,965 00	\$1,734 49	\$18,183 53	\$16,161 79	\$2,021 74	\$5 12
E. Baltimore “	12,538 33	10,302 38	502 00	473 16	169 50	\$169 50	1,995 00	1,600 67	15,204 83	12,545 71	2,659 12	4 47
Washington “	13,858 30	12,440 06	906 00	782 00	126 50	101 50	1,699 00	1,542 61	16,589 80	14,866 17	1,723 63	3 07
Winchester “	8,821 00	7,828 87	287 00	227 00	138 00	96 00	1,525 00	1,281 51	10,771 00	9,433 38	1,337 62	2 53
Rockingham “	9,050 00	7,938 84	75 00	75 00	146 68	109 68	1,000 00	910 54	10,271 68	9,034 06	1,237 62	2 48
Roanoke “	5,206 60	4,230 10	72 00	54 99	121 15	54 30	1,100 00	881 36	6,499 75	5,220 66	1,279 09	2 09
Lewisburg “	5,290 00	4,330 43	60 00	37 84	34 50	14 50	1,245 00	1,010 69	6,629 50	5,393 46	1,236 04	2 17
Lexington “	6,240 00	4,492 56	220 00	170 00	10 00	25 50	1,300 00	920 51	7,770 00	5,608 07	2,166 93	2 28
Moorefield “	6,168 50	5,464 17	25 00	18 99	78 00	43 00	1,000 00	845 52	7,221 50	6,371 68	899 82	3 10
This year.....	\$82,172 73	\$70,304 17	\$3,344 33	\$2,985 43	\$845 53	\$613 98	\$12,829 00	\$10,727 90	\$99,141 59	\$84,634 98	14,581 61	\$3 07
Last year.....	83,158 50	73,011 66	4,203 00	3,754 25	1,305 29	1,017 49	12,870 00	11,219 71	101,536 79	89,003 11	12,533 68	3 31
Decrease.....	\$985 77	\$2,707 49	\$858 67	\$769 82	\$459 76	\$429 01	\$41 00	\$491 81	\$2,395 20	\$4,369 13		\$ 24
Increase.											\$2,047 93	

Of 137 Circuits and Stations, 41 paid in fall—96 report deficiencies.

*Circuits and Stations which paid Highest and those which paid Lowest per member
for Ministerial Support, in the year ending March, 1877.*

BALTIMORE DISTRICT:

	Highest per Member.	Lowest per Member.
Calvary Station.....	\$13 18	
Bladensburg Circuit	10 52	
Montgomery.....		\$2 64

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT:

Hillsboro Mission.....	9 24	
Trinity Station, Baltimore.....	8 06	
Queen Anne's.....		2 81
Calvert.....		2 79

WASHINGTON DISTRICT:

Mount Vernon, Washington....	10 13	
Fredericksburg.....	6 24	
Linden.. ..		1 54
Stafford.....		1 19

WINCHESTER DISTRICT:

Front Royal and Riverton.....	5 14	
Warren.....		81

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT:

Shenandoah Iron Works.....	10 00	
Rockingham Circuit.....		1 48

ROANOKE DISTRICT:

Blacksburg.....	4 15	
New Castle.....		90

LEWISBURG DISTRICT:

Union	5 61	
White Sulphur Station.....	4 51	
Peterstown.....		1 08

LEXINGTON DISTRICT:

Lexington Station.....	6 29	
Crab Bottom.....	4 38	
West Augusta.....		1 02

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT:

Piedmont....	5 88	
Keyser.....	4 44	
North River.....		1 69

In the whole Conference.

The station which paid highest per member—	Calvary.....	\$13 18
" " " " lowest " "	Winchester.....	2 69
The Circuit which paid highest per member—	Bladensburg	10 52
" " " " lowest " "	Warren	81

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